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Nuclear leak casualties at Soviet plant

By Thomson Prentice and Christopher Mosey

A massive radioactive leak at a Soviet nuclear power station has caused casualties in what may be the world's worst nuclear accident. The leak was so large that it prompted a full-scale alert nearly 1,000 miles away in Sweden, including the evacuation of 600 workers from a Swedish power station on the Baltic coast.

Soviet atomic energy authorities at first told the Swedish embassy in Moscow they were unaware of any nuclear accident on Soviet territory that could cause a leak to reach Sweden.

But later Tass reported that an accident had taken place at a nuclear power station at Chernobyl, north of Kiev, and that there were some casualties.

It said "measures were being undertaken to eliminate the consequences of the accident" at the Chernobyl plant, where a reactor had been damaged. Aid was being given to those affected by the leak, it added.

Swedish scientists at first believed a leak had occurred at their own nuclear plant at Forsmark, on the Baltic coast about 60 miles north of Stockholm, and evacuated the 600 workers there. After the evacuation scientists checked radiation levels at other areas of the country, including the capital.

These all confirmed a higher degree of radio activity than normal, and further tests at Forsmark led the Swedish authorities to believe that the discharge had come from the Soviet Union.

Mr Hans Edwall, of the Swedish Institute for Radiation Protection, said: "We are talking about very small amounts as yet. There is no cause for alarm."

He said the radiation was not from a weapons test. "It is definitely from a power plant, most likely somewhere in the east," he said.

Later, the Swedish Energy Minister, Mrs Birgitta Dahl, said that the radioactivity registered in Sweden could have been carried by winds from the Black Sea, from a region of the Soviet Union or from another country.

The first stage of the Chernobyl nuclear plant was put into service in September 1977, followed by two further stages in 1980. Its total power capacity is 3 million kilowatts.

A government committee of inquiry had been set up by the Soviet Union into the accident, Tass said.

The Swedish Defence Ministry said an abnormally high rate of radioactivity had been recorded on Monday afternoon by several monitoring stations in Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

The ministry said that the rate of "a few millirems an hour" was not thought high enough to warrant the evacuation of the local population at Forsmark. It would not be a danger to human beings, although regional specialists said that the rate was twice as high in Finland as in Sweden and Norway.

Any question of a nuclear test or missile test accident had been ruled out, the Swedish military observatory at Hagfors reported.

● **MOSCOW:** Tass claimed that the accident was the first of its kind in the USSR, and added in apparent justification that "similar accidents happened on several occasions in other countries" (Christopher Walker writes).

Since Mr Mikhail Gorbachov came to power in March 1985, there have been repeated calls in the Soviet press for more open reporting of disasters inside the Soviet Union.

● **Abandoned villages:** There was a serious nuclear accident in the Soviet Union during winter of 1957-58, according to a report published in in February 1980 by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee (UPI reports).

The report said that the contamination covered between 40 to 400 square miles. It said there was "some loss of life", and at least 30 villages were abandoned.



Lady Helen Windsor, who was 22 yesterday, on her way to work at Christie's (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Tories struggle in two polls

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

The Government faces a difficult fight to hold on to two previously safe rural constituencies with majorities of more than 15,000 after evidence last night that its support for the American bombing raid on Libya is costing it dearly.

The opposition parties are steadily closing the gap on the Conservative party in Ryedale, North Yorkshire, and in Derbyshire West, where its support has dropped by 15 per cent and 19 per cent respectively since 1983, a survey for the BBC2 *Newsnight* programme showed.

The Labour Party's electoral recovery, confirmed by its victory at Fulham, is continuing and in Derbyshire West it is vying with the Alliance for the right to be considered the main challenger to the Conservatives, a striking advance on its 1983 position when it secured only 17 per cent of the vote.

As the poll results were disclosed last night Labour and the Alliance became even more determined to ensure that the Libyan factor stays at the forefront of voters' minds.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, speaking at a campaign rally in Matlock, Derbyshire, mocked the "neurotic" attitude of American personalities, businessmen and tourists in calling off trips to Europe in the wake of the attack on Libya. And he renewed his criticism of the Prime Minister whom he said had put herself into a corner.

Mr Kinnock said that staying away from Europe was an interesting way of showing the "resolute will of the American people" of which President Reagan had spoken.

He said of Mrs Thatcher: "She could not now reflect the views of the country which elected her because was afraid that it would look like concessions to the terrorists. So she tried to justify herself by trying to justify a reprisals policy she would have scorned three weeks ago."

The survey conducted in the constituencies last Thursday and Friday and involving 1,474 voters, gave the Conservatives 44 per cent support in Ryedale, the Alliance 37 per cent and Labour 19 per cent, the sort of position from which the Alliance has been able to win in past by-elections.

At Derbyshire West the contest appears wide open with the Conservatives on 37 per cent, the Alliance on 32 per cent and Labour on 30 per cent. Conservative support has dropped a further 3 per cent in Ryedale and 2 per cent in Derbyshire West since the poll last night.

Both the Alliance and Labour are 2 per cent up in Ryedale while Labour is up 1 per cent in West Derbyshire with the Alliance stable at 32 per cent.

But the conclusions about the public reaction to the Libyan raid will raise consid-

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Joseph likely to be replaced within weeks

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A Cabinet reshuffle which will centre on the departure of Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, looks likely within weeks.

A growing number of Conservative MPs were convinced last night that the Prime Minister will part from her normal practice of carrying out ministerial shake-ups in September, and announce the changes before the summer recess, possibly at Whitsun.

Downing Street sources significantly did nothing yesterday to scotch rumours of imminent Cabinet changes and it was said that Mrs Maragaret Thatcher has an open mind on the subject. A reshuffle before the autumn was not ruled out. Such an approach is in marked contrast to a year ago, when similar speculation about ministerial changes was firmly squashed by Mrs Thatcher's close aides.

Sir Keith, having announced that he will not be standing for Parliament at the next general election, has increasingly been labelled a "lame duck" minister. In Whitehall it is accepted that that will influence the timing of the reshuffle.

At Westminster, where senior Conservatives have been privately urging Mrs Thatcher to replace Sir Keith quickly, some opposition MPs were saying yesterday that Cabinet changes before the recess made a general election next year more likely. But it is uncertain whether Mrs Thatcher would use the forthcoming reshuffle as an opportunity to reshape her government team in preparation for going to the country, or wait until autumn before making more wide-ranging alterations.

Meanwhile the battle over who is to succeed Sir Keith is already gaining momentum and there appear to be at least three front-runners.

With the Department of Education and Science expected to have increased powers, including a possible job training role, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the highly capable Paymaster General who is the Cabinet minister responsible in the Commons for employment matters, is becoming favourite for the job.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, the former headmaster with radical views on education, is the choice of the right wing of the Conservative Party and has the backing of the 92 Group of backbench MPs. Dr Boyson, who has been a Northern Ireland minister since September 1984, is said by close friends to be very anxious to return to London after his stint in Belfast.

Mr Chris Patten, currently number two at the DES, was widely tipped as Sir Keith's successor when he moved to the department last year, and his hat remains in the ring. Widely acknowledged as one of the brightest junior ministers, he is a leading "wet", which may hinder his chances of promotion.

Outside the front three, other names also mentioned in connection with the job include Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology.

Another incentive for Mrs Thatcher to act swiftly is her determination to enter the next election with a radical education policy. The debate within the Conservative Party over education issues has been overshadowed in recent weeks by the uncertainty over who will fill Sir Keith's shoes.

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Spode owner bids £151m for Wedgwood

By Richard Lander

Wedgwood, the Staffordshire company known throughout the world for its fine china, is fighting a £151.2 million takeover offer from London International, the consumer products group.

Sir Arthur Bryan, chairman of Wedgwood, rejecting the bid as "quite inadequate," said that the interests of shareholders, employees and customers would be much better served by Wedgwood remaining independent.

London International wants to merge Wedgwood with its Royal Worcester Spode subsidiary. Wedgwood shares closed 28p higher at 368p.

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BT to reduce big business phone charges

By Jeremy Warner
Business Correspondent

British Telecom is planning to reduce its charges to major business customers in a move that signals the start of a fierce price war with its newly licensed competitor, Mercury Communications.

The fight for business customers is likely to mean higher prices for residential telephone users.

Members of BT's "Hundred Club" comprising its top 200 customers have been told of an "optional call plan" which will allow customers with more than 20 lines to cut their telephone bills by between 15 and 20 per cent a year.

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Systems failure



How the loss of the space shuttle Challenger puts NASA's management under the microscope

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Karmal talks

Moscow Radio broadcast an interview with President Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan in an attempt to dispel doubts about his position and the mystery surrounding his whereabouts.

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Garages to launch cashless shopping

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

A new age in retail banking will begin within the next few weeks, enabling customers to buy goods and services electronically without the use of cash, cheques or credit cards.

But far from involving the high street banks, the move towards "cashless shopping" is being led by British Petroleum, together with two American banks and a handful of building societies.

BP has agreed to provide Electronic Funds Transfer at Point Of Sale (Eftpos) facilities at more than 2,000 of its petrol stations, beginning with local schemes throughout the country.

Although Eftpos systems have been tried on a limited basis over the last two years, the BP scheme will be by far the largest and is the first attempt to give nationwide coverage.

Eftpos allows bank and building society customers to pay for what they buy with an ordinary cash card. The card is passed through a machine into which the customer enters his personal identifiction number and his bank account is immediately debited by the amount of the purchase.

The BP scheme will enable customers to buy petrol and other goods at BP stations using a cash card. A customer will also be able to withdraw cash from the till which will be debited to his account in the same way as a withdrawal from a cash card machine.

The scheme will be operated by Funds Transfer Sharing (FTS), a company set up by nine financial institutions to develop electronic banking facilities. FTS is already a member of the Link consortium of institutions setting up a network of cash card machines.

Members of FTS include the world's largest bank, Citibank, and American Express. Most other members are British building societies, including Britannia, Coventry, Yorkshire, Gateway, and Town & Country. Two finance companies, HFC Trust & Savings and Western Trust & Savings, are also members.

The BP scheme can be used by anyone holding a cash card issued by a member of FTS but it will be extended to all members of the Link consortium in due course. Link, which includes the Abbey National building society, the second largest in the country, aims to have issued at least four million cash cards by the end of this year.

BP has a record of financial innovation. It has set up its own in-house bank and last year established the first Eftpos system in Scotland with a limited but successful experiment involving 26 filling stations in Aberdeen in a

Leading US airlines add £3 charge for extra security

By Richard Dowden

New security measures for all transatlantic flights, ordered by the United States Government in the wake of the bombings at Rome and Vienna airports, are proving so expensive that Pan American Airways and Trans World Airlines have introduced a £3 surcharge for all passengers and it seems that other airlines may follow suit.

TWA confirmed that the £3 or $5 charge had been introduced last Friday to pay for "extra security cover and training."

No one would discuss details of the new measures, which were introduced on April 15 by the Federal Aviation Authority, but one airline official indicated their thoroughness by pointing out that they were costing nearly £1,000 a flight.

The measures are understood to include a higher ratio of searches of passengers and baggage, but will not mean armed guards on flights.

British Airways and British Caledonian both said they had no plans to introduce a security levy, but several of the smaller American airlines flying into Gatwick said their costs had increased significantly and a surcharge was a possibility.

The Department of Transport has also introduced stricter security at Heathrow, where the number of spot checks on passengers has recently increased from one in 20 to one in three, but it is understood that these have been introduced independently of the new FAA rules.

Mr Ken Lanterstein, the FAA representative at the US Embassy in London, confirmed that Britain had agreed to help implement the new regulations at British airports and that they did involve some new measures as well as tightening up existing ones.

The new measures will be discussed at a meeting of airline representatives at the US Embassy tomorrow.

El Al, the Isreali airline, at present arranges its own security in addition to airport security and is believed to have "sky marshalls" — armed guards on its flights.

It was an El Al security officer who found the bomb carried by Miss Anne Marie Murphy at Heathrow last week. The bomb is believed to have been planted on her.

Mr William Tench, an expert on air safety, said yesterday that he thought the American airlines had been so impressed by El Al's safety record that they were trying to imitate their security.

● BEIRUT — The Abu Nidal Palestinian guerrilla group said yesterday that it killed Mr Paul Appleby, aged 28, of Bristol, who was shot on Sunday in East Jerusalem, in reprisal for the US air attack on Libya (Reuter reports).

The claim came in a typedstatement delivered to a foreign news agency. It said: "The group of martyr Munzer al-Uadri in Jerusalem has carried out the death sentence on a member of British intelligence while he was on an intelligence mission."

It added that the killing was in reprisal for "American aggression and the collusion of the government of Thatcher against Libya."

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Protests upset jail settlement hopes

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Continued industrial action yesterday and over the weekend by prison officers had put the prospect of agreement with them in jeopardy, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday.

After a one-and-a-quarter-hour meeting with Prison Officers Association chiefs he said that he had reports of action by officers at Gloucester, Swansea and Northallerton, near Darlington.

This follows the suspension of 20 prison officers from jails throughout the country at the weekend.

Prison department officials said that at Swansea there was a form of go-slow.

Officers from Gloucester due to man Worcester Crown Court had not done so. An official said: "We have not heard of anyone being turned away from the court."

At Northallerton, a youth custody centre, officers were refusing to take new arrivals until the population was down from 205 to the 127.

Mr Hurd said the action was a challenge to the right of management to manage. He repeated that on manning levels — the central issue of the dispute — it was the job of the managers to take note of the views of the POA then take a management decision.

Mr Hurd made it clear to the POA leaders that he was not prepared to negotiate with a gun at his head. At stake for the POA is a package of proposals including pay talks.

● Mr Gerald Kaufman, Shadow Home Secretary, yesterday called for the Government to negotiate an early end to the prison officers dispute to avoid turning jails into tinder boxes.

Speaking on ITN's News at One, he said the Home Office should listen more carefully to the officers' complaints.

Tin mining likely to end in Britain

By Tim Jones

The end of tin mining in Britain seemed almost inevitable last night after Rio *Tinto Zinc announced that it* was to close its three mines in Cornwall with a loss of 1,000 jobs because of "substantial losses".

If they close, there will be no working mines left in an area which once boasted 600 of them.

It appears that only a huge injection of government money can sustain the centuries-old industry which has been the bulwark of the west Cornwall economy.

If the closures go through, male unemployment in the area will climb to almost 50 per cent and there is no prospect of the men obtaining other similar well-paid jobs. Because of a knock-on effect on small dependent industries, the total number of unemployed will be higher.

Geevor, the other main mine in Cornwall has already laid off 280 workers and has said its future is bleak unless it gets a £22 million rescue package *from the government.*

The crisis in the industry stems from the default of the International Tin Council last October and the subsequent failure of the 22 member governments to agree a common course of action. That culminated in the decision by the London Metal Exchange in March to cease tin trading.

In spite of modern mining equipment, large investment and a loyal and dedicated work force, the Cornish mines could not compete on price with tin won more easily in foreign countries.

Mr Brian Calver, managing director of the three mines, which are run by Carnon Consolidated, a wholly owned subsidiary of RTZ said: "If we do not get financial assistance from the Government we will have no option but to carry on with the closures."

Sparing the blushes of grey TV men

By Robin Young

News presenters with Granada Television were yesterday ordered to down powder puffs by the National Union of Journalists. In a bare-faced display of union solidarity the broadcasters appeared undeniably wan and puffy on the screens last night.

They are the victims of a trade union dispute over the they have been using since transferring from Manchester to Granada's new news centre at Albert Dock, Liverpool, a fortnight ago.

The Liverpool news centre has the latest in new technology, but no make-up artists. Whereas in Manchester the news bulletin presenters had made full use of Granada's large make-up room, in Liverpool they attended to their own

This led to a complaint from the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance (Beta), the make-up artists' trade association.

Mr Harry Conroy, the general secretary of the NUJ, promptly responded to Beta's representations with an order that the presenters should not do jobs which would have been done by Beta members.

Granada Reports **news bulletin presenters who is also the NUJ deputy father of chapel (branch chairman) at Granada TV, said yesterday: "This hits me very hard because now I have to go on with all my pimples showing. And I have these big grey things under my eyes. I know that at some other companies it is custom and practice for presenters to do their own cosmetic**

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Civil Servants likely to accept Treasury's final 6% pay offer

By Colin Hughes, Whitehall Correspondent

Most of Britain's 500,000 Civil Servants are expected to accept the Government's final 5 per cent pay offer, made by the Treasury yesterday.

The offer has been made on the understanding that leaders of the "consortium" of five of the largest unions will recommend acceptance to their members. It will add £240 million to the Government's pay bill this year.

Although reluctant to settle for a rise well below their 17 per cent claim, and marginally below what they see as the "going rate" of 6.25 per cent, the union leaders believe that their members are in no mood this year for a campaign of industrial action.

The "consortium" five unions are those which refused to discuss with the Treasury its proposals for a long-term pay structure: the Civil and Public Service Association, the Civil Service Union, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, the Inland Revenue Staff Federation and the Northern Ireland Public Service Association. Between them they represent most non-industrial Civil Servants.

Among the low-paid, full-time adult workers will get a minimum £4.50 extra a week and juniors a minimum of £3 a week.

The Treasury takes the view that many of the low-paid are already being helped by separate offers of increases outside the annual pay round.

About200,000 clerical staff will receive rises of about 2 per cent for automatic data processing, and typists and secretaries will receive about 3 per cent, together increasing the pay bill by 0.4 per cent.

The Institution of Professional Civil Servants has been put in an uncomfortable position by being offered the same as the other unions, although its 90,000 members agreed to discuss the Treasury's long-term pay plans and therefore expected better.

This year's offer also completes the abandonment of the Government's former strategy of using Civil Service pay to hold down public sector pay rises. That is widely agreed within Whitehall and among ministers to have failed.

The other two areas of difference are the First Division Association, representing the 7,000 most senior Whitehall staff, which has refused to recommend acceptance of the offer in advance, and the 25,000-member Prison Officers' Association, which is unlikely to settle on pay until its dispute over manning levels is resolved.

The FDA rejects the Treasury's approach because the Government is refusing to recognize arguments on comparability.

Its strongest card is the anxiety among many departmental heads in Whitehall that the best and brightest staff are leaving to take better-paid jobs outside the public service.

The Treasury believes its strategy of unilateral offers of selective salary improvements to shortage staff is meeting that need. It has, for example, increased salaries for some professional, technological and graded staff by between 13 and 26 per centover the past year.

That approach seems likely to extend regional variations.

The Treasury said yesterday that discussion with the Council of Civil Service Unions will continue over London weighting, proficiency, responsibility, allowances, hours and leave.

Arson at Hampton Court ruled out

By Michael Horsnell

Arson was ruled out yesterday by police officers investigating the Easter Monday fire at Hampton Court in which Lady Gale died.

The police, who have been conducting a two-year inquiry into corruption at the Property Services Agency, which administers the palace, said there was no link between the fire and fraud squad investigations.

The fire destroyed the apartment of Sir Richard Gale's widow and severely damaged the Cartoon Gallery in the Christopher Wren south wing.

Three days later the body of Mr George Indge, a fire patrolman at the palace, was found floating in the Thames.

An inquiry into the fire was ordered by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment. A spokesman said that he saw no reason to link the two deaths with the corruption inquiry.

The Property Services Agency said a weekend report that the fire had been started in the Cartoon Gallery in an attempt to cover tracks in the corruption inquiry was untrue and that damage there was confined to water from firemen's hoses.

A spokesman said it was untrue that investigators had arranged to meet in the gallery the next day to inspect oak panelling which had been inaccurately described as part of a building contractor's alleged corruption.

About fifty-five builders contracted to the Property Services Agency and 12 agency staff have been arrested in the past two years for alleged corruption.

An inquest into the death of Mr Indge, aged 50, and a resumption of the inquest on Lady Gale, aged 75, have yet to be arranged.



Police Constable John Henderson, aged 23, with his girl friend, Miss Dianne Hills (top), outside Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, yesterday after receiving an award for bravery.

Constable Henderson, who is stationed at Lewisham Police Station, south-east London, received the award after chasing an armed robber who twice tried to shoot him, but failed when the trigger jammed.

A store detective and two schoolboys also received awards for acts of bravery.

Mr Keith Lovejoy, aged 35 (above left), a Woolworth's store detective in London, and a father of five, was praised by a judge at the Central Criminal Court for holding onto a thief after he had been sprayed in the eyes with ammonia. He regained his sight three weeks later after intensive treatment.

Paul Giles, aged 12 (above right), and Anthony Loudon, aged 11, both of Liverpool, foiled a mugger who attacked a woman, aged 92, and her friend, aged 75. The boys chased the assailant, forcing him to drop his haul.

Labour unfurls rural charter

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Labour Party proposed yesterday the rating of agricultural land and buildings and an expansion of the common ownership of land as part of a rural charter designed to establish itself as the party of the countryside.

Labour launched the package, which also recommends a drastic revision of the farm price-support system and the stimulation of alternative employment to agriculture, at the West Derbyshire and Ryedale by-elections where farming and the need to strengthen other rural industries are strong campaign issues.

As the battle for the rural vote intensified, the Liberals presented their own "manifesto for rural Britain", which opposes the concentration of land in fewer and fewer hands but rejects nationalization and agricultural rating; while the Tories drafted in Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister, to reassure the doubting farmers of West Derbyshire.

Labour's rural programme, introduced by Mr Brynmor John, the party's agriculture and transport spokesmen, at Matlock, Derbyshire, promises a drive to create worthwhile jobs in rural areas in construction, woodland management, leisure, the environment and light industry.

It states: "Labour believes that the problems of rural areas deserve equal consideration with those of urban areas".

But the charter did not dodge the issues that will win it few votes from the farming community.

On rating, it says that farmers should make a definite contribution to revitalizing the rural economy. "We believe that the costs of supporting rural services and communities should be shared more equitably between the farming and non-farming communities".

Although it falls short of advocating land nationalization, the programme states that Labour's aim is to expand the common ownership of land. It promises to set up a land bank to control land already held in public and semi-public ownership.

The Liberal document states that the Conservative record on rural issues is lamentable while Labour has shown less and less interest as its rural vote declines.

It supports the private ownership of farmland, although it states: "We view with concern the increasing concentration of more and more land in fewer hands – often big insurance companies and pension funds".

It, too, proposes the establishment of a land bank to help young farmers and promises measures to discourage the selling of county council farms and smallholdings and the amalgamation of farm units.

General election: M Parris (C) 29,695; V Bingham (Alt) 14,370; J March (Lab) 9,060. C maj: 15,325.

Whitehall code mooted

Civil Servants who believe ministers are misleading or lying to Parliament and the public should have a right of appeal to Commons select committee chairmen and the parliamentary ombudsman, according to proposals for a Whitehall code of conduct drawn up by the First Division Association.

The code, which is likely to be agreed by the association's annual conference next month, is its answer to the dilemmas raised by the Clive Ponting case and the Westland affair.

The association's 7,000 members, who form the bulk of senior Civil Servants, are responding to the memorandum published by Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service, which was intended to "steady nerves" in Whitehall after the Ponting trial.

Many Civil Servants feel that in the increasingly politicized climate of Whitehall, traditional principles are no longer wholly adequate to cope with extreme cases.

The bulk of the association's proposed code, which will carry considerable weight among backbench MPs in the mounting debate, accepts Sir Robert's restatement of long-standing principles.

It recognizes that Civil Servants should be politically neutral, and wholly impartial in advice, diligently implement government policies in "spirit and letter", and not seek to obstruct or delay government policy.

Those who are personally and seriously opposed to a particular policy should be allowed to retrain and transfer. "If they wish to carry their disagreement to the point of public debate, they should resign."

Continuity of service from one government to another implied that in their official duties Civil Servants should avoid personal identification with the political philosophy of any particular administration, the association says.

But where Civil Servants "consider that they are being asked to assist ministers in misleading or lying to Parliament or the public", they should advise the minister or a senior official in writing, and record a copy of their advice on file.

If that fails, they should consult their Permanent Secretary or head of department.

If he or she endorses the Civil Servants' misgivings, and fails to resolve them in discussion with the minister, then the chairman of the relevant select committee or the parliamentary commissioner should be informed.

Nurses 'angry' at pay award delays

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Nurses said yesterday that the Government will face "tremendous anger" in the run-up to a general election if it phases in or refuses to fully fund this year's nurses award.

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, told the first day of the nurses' annual congress in Blackpool that the decision to phase in last year's award, so that many nurses did not see the full increase until the last two months of the year, was "vicious".

He said that, even after the latest increases, a staff nurse was paid only £6,000 a year while a ward sister at the top of the scale received £10,000.

The recommendations of the independent review body on nurses' pay were handed to Mrs Margaret Thatcher last week, but a decision on the award, due from April 1, is not expected for some time.

Mr Clay said the college had been buoyed up by the success of its £250,000 advertising campaign against National Health Service changes which it claims are damaging nursing and patient care.

He said other health unions, including the Confederation of Health Service Employees and the National Union of Public Employees, would be asked to join the campaign.

Printers 'explore' Murdoch's offer

By Gavin Bell

Print union leaders have called in their bankers and a newspaper executive to explore Mr Rupert Murdoch's offer of the former *Times* printing plant in settlement of their dispute with News International.

Apparent interest in the proposal emerged last week when their leaders held a preliminary meeting with Unity Trust. On Friday, the TUC formally requested the bank to seek details of the offer from News International.

Yesterday the National Graphical Association asked Mr Frank Barlow, the chief executive at the *Financial Times*, to advise it on the feasibility of publishing a newspaper from the Gray's Inn Road plant.

News International has given the unions until May 7 to accept the offer of the plant and £15 million in compensation for 5,500 print workers dismissed when production moved to Wapping in January.

Mr Mike Marston, executive director of Unity Trust, said he was trying to arrange an early meeting with News International to clarify its proposal. "If this was going to involve a financing package, we would have to have precise details," he said.

Mr Barlow said he had agreed to advise the unions on the viability of creating a newspaper and that he would be having an informal meeting with their leaders soon. He said he would not wish to prejudge the prospects of such a venture succeeding, however, he did not believe that a successful newspaper could be achieved on the basis of a party propaganda organ.

Meanwhile, the Department of Trade and Industry said it was investigating complaints by Capitol Radio and LBC that their programmes were disturbed for about 30 minutes on Sunday morning by a pirate transmitter broadcasting a statement in support of the print workers.

The self-styled "Radio Wapping", transmitting from north-east London, condemned electricians working for News International.

● Robert Tetaur, aged 33, a former *Times* printer, was remanded on conditional bail until May 20 charged with assault causing actual bodily harm during a demonstration at the News International plant at Wapping last Saturday.

Mr Tetaur, of Dorking Crescent, Clacton, Essex, is alleged to have assaulted Barry Skeggs. He was remanded on bail with a condition that he is not to go within three miles of Wapping. He was also bound over in the sum of £100 to be of good behaviour until May 20 and was released on a surety of £1,000.

Dog-bite girl wins £3,500

A girl who needed plastic surgery for face injuries after being bitten by a Dobermann pinscher at a dog show in 1983 was awarded £3,500 damages against the owner in the High Court yesterday.

Bonnie Dickason, aged nine, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, had tried to pat the dog, which belongs to Mrs Susan Shrimpson, of Botley, Hampshire.

IRA gunmen fire volley at funeral

IRA gunmen defied Irish police to fire shots at the funeral of terrorist Seamus McElwain yesterday.

Three masked gunmen wearing paramilitary uniforms fired a volley of shots with automatic pistols outside McElwain's home at Knockatallon, Co Monaghan, as cortege began the journey to the cemetery.

Irish police made no effort to intervene as the gunmen slipped back into the crowd. But there was a strong police presence at the cemetery. More than 100 officers were dressed in riot gear.

A large crowd gathered at McElwain's home to accompany the coffin and an IRA "guard of honour" of seven men and two women, wearing masks and battledress, flanked it.

McElwain, aged 25, was shot dead by an SAS undercover unit at Oslea in Co Fermanagh on Saturday and another man, Sean Lynch was seriously injured.

Sean Lynch was said to be in a serious condition in a Belfast hospital. He is under police guard.

NUM unlikely to end receivership

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

An attempt by the National Union of Mineworkers today to end the 16-month receivership of its assets looks certain to be frustrated because of a High Court action pending against Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president.

The action against him was launched last year by the receiver appointed in December 1984 to run the union's financial affairs after the High Court held that union officials were not fit to do so.

The receiver, Mr Michael Arnold, an accountant, is seeking to make Mr Scargill, with Mr Michael McGahey, NUM vice-president, and Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, personally liable for more than £100,000 of losses arising from attempts to put £8.5 million of union funds beyond the reach of the courts by sending them abroad.

Six banks are also being sued over alleged complicity in the export of the union's funds.

Today Mr Arnold makes his first public report to Mr Justice Mervyn Davies this year and the union had hoped that might signal an end to the receivership.

But the action against the NUM officials, due to be heard in January next year, represents an obstacle: there is the question of who would take over the action if the receiver is discharged.

Although those appointed by the NUM to be new trustees have said they would consider taking over the case in an attempt to have the receivership lifted, legal problems remain over the prospect of the NUM suing its senior officers.

Scargill's 'panic job'

An electrician was asked to repair the cruise control on a car driven by Mr Arthur Scargill a few days after the miners' leader was stopped for speeding, the High Court in Manchester was told yesterday.

Mr James Lamont told the court the 70mph control device on the Jaguar XJ6 could not have been working when Mr Scargill claimed to have been using it on the M1 in July, 1982.

Mr Lamont, who thenworked at a garage in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, said he had been asked to fix the vehicle's cruise control.

"I was told if we didn't get it working we would lose the NUM business. Everybody was panicking", he said.

Mr Scargill, aged 48, of Yews Lane, Morsbrough Dale, near Barnsley, is claiming exemplary damages for unlawful imprisonment while the police questioned him about the alleged speeding offence.

The hearing continues tomorrow.

US nerve gas plans approved

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mr John Stanley, Minister for the Armed Forces, confirmed last night that the Government has approved plans to produce a new generation of chemical weapons, but he said that they would not be deployed in Europe inpeacetime.

His reassurance failed to convince all Conservative MPs, let alone Labour and Alliance members who condemned American plans to modernize its chemical weapons stocks with binary gas.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said it was "morally repugnant" to support the deployment of nerve gases, while Mr Denzil Davies, the Labour spokemsan, said the proposals would jeopardize the Geneva peace talks.

Mr Anthony Nelson, Conservative MP for Chichester, voiced the concern felt by some government backbenchers when he said: "Some of us who are the staunchest proponents of a nuclear strategic deterrent are gravely concerned about the wisdom of developing and building up a stockpile".

● Decisions on the replacement of the Royal Navy's assault ships, HMS Fearless and HMS Intrepid, which are planned to be withdrawn from service in the mid-1990s may be deferred as part of an effort to contain defence spending over the next few years (Rodney Cowton writes).

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Wedgwood takeover bid

Predator in a china shop

By Richard Lander

The Wedgwood fine china and earthenware company, founded in 1759 by Josiah Wedgwood amid the hurly-burly of the world's first industrial revolution, looked likely yesterday to become a victim of modern Britain's biggest growth industry – the takeover and merger business.

After more than 225 years as an independent enterprise, Wedgwood could soon become part of the London international consumer products group, whose best known brands include Durex contraceptives and Marigold kitchen gloves.

The company has offered £151.2 million to merge Wedgwood with its Royal Worcester Spode subsidiary.

During its history, Wedgwood has become one of those British products that has found a home in practically every corner of the world.

As in the case of Rolls-Royce and Sheffield cutlery, the expansion of Wedgwood initially mirrored the power of the world's largest empire and, more lately, the penchant of the wealthy in other parts, particularly the United States, the Gulf and Japan, for high quality British goods.

Its overseas customers include Raffles Hotel in Singapore, the Anatole Hotel in Dallas, and the Government of the Republic of Nauru in the Pacific.

Nigeria appears to be a Wedgwood monopoly, with the President, the Air Force and the Navy all looking to the Potteries for their favourite tableware.

At home, the clients have been of even higher stature. In April 1765, six years the pottery was founded in Burslem, Staffordshire, Josiah Wedgwood received an order from Queen Charlotte, who sought "a complete sett (sic) of tea things, with a gold ground and raised flowers upon it in green".

Quite what has happened to that set is something of a mystery, according to the Wedgwood historian, Miss Aileen Dawson, but a year later Josiah was designated "potter to her Majesty" and continued to make teasets and dinner services for the royal household.



Portrait of Wedgwood's founder, Josiah

However, it is doubtful that the British Throne ever awarded him a commission to rival the 1,244-piece service he completed for Empress Catherine of Russia in 1774.

Josiah died in 1795, but Josiah II carried on the business and introduced bone china into the company's range as well as the Portland Vase symbol that became its trademark.

He was then followed by Josiahs III-V, with control and day-to-day running of the business passing out of family hands only after it was floated on the Stock Exchange in 1967.

The Wedgwood family has also distinguished itself in other fields: Charles Darwin was the son of Josiah I's daughter Susannah, while Josiah IV served as a Liberal and Labour MP before becoming a peer in 1943.

Sir Arthur Bryan, Wedgwood's chairman and chief executive, has rejected London International's offer and says that he wants to keep the company independent.

Decision on cheap fares deplored

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Government refusal to allow concessionary fares for the jobless along with children and the elderly is deplorable, the Association of County Councils said yesterday.

The argument favouring cheap fares for the unemployed is that it will help them to look for work and will mean passengers for empty trains and buses at off-peak times.

But ministers oppose the idea because it might work against the "unemployment trap" in which low wage earners are often worse off than the unemployed.

The association pointed out that the Transport Act, 1985, enabled the Secretary of State for Transport to make additional categories of people eligible for concessionary travel, but he had consistently refused to do so for the unemployed or even to discuss the matter with local authorities who want to.

In a statement, the association said it deplored his refusal to discuss the matter, saying that it had serious implications for many people.

Travel trade resigned to drop in US tourists after the Libyan raid

By Robin Young

The tourist industry throughout Europe and the Mediterranean area is counting the cost of the American retreat from international travel in the wake of the Libyan raid.

Cancellations on transatlantic flights are so heavy that airlines are "consolidating" three flights into one, and still flying with empty seats.

It is not only well-publicized pop stars and film directors who are cancelling their travel plans. IBM cancelled its convention, and the losses are heaviest from the business incentive travel and the tourist group markets.

In London, leading hotels are resigned to the fact that their North American trade will be down by anything from one fifth to two fifths on last year's record levels, when Americans accounted for one fifth of Britain's foreign visitors and nearly a quarter of their spending here.

But the British travel trade consoles itself with the thought that things are even worse in Athens, Rome and the Mediterranean cruise market. "Americans think that Europe is one place, and that at present it is a battle ground," said one tourist industry spokesman yesterday.

Mr Duncan Bluck, the chairman of the British Tourist Authority, is going to the United States tomorrow on an extended promotional tour, trying to repair some of the damage that has been done in the American media. He will be attempting to capitalize on the Queen's walkabout in Covent Garden on her 60th birthday, and her open coach ride with the King of Spain, to prove that life does go on as normal.

The association says that the impact on Britain's tourist industry should not be catastrophic. Four fifths of Americans who visit Britain travel independently, and 70 per cent are repeat visitors. However, forward reservations at hotels are well down on last year's bumper levels.

Those American tourists who are in London reflected the national anxiety about the wisdom of travelling at present. The only ones who had not seriously considered cancelling their journeys were those who had been told they could not get their money back.

Members of the Arkansas Automobile Dealers' Association, which has been holding its conference at the Tower Hotel, had contacted their state senators for advice before making the trip. Many could still quote the reassuring statistics about the improbability of sudden death at terrorist hands quoted to them by their travel agents.

But Mr Terence Kinden, of Port Richey, Florida, here for three weeks with his wife Marie, said yesterday as they stood beneath Big Ben: "If we had not come, we might as well have said that the terrorists had won."



Sightseeing in London yesterday, Norman and Floy Erickson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who are not allowing the terrorists to stop their holiday

Cancellations rise in Paris and Bonn

By Staff Reporters

Fear of terrorist attacks has dealt a blow to tourism in Western Europe this summer, particularly as afar asAmericans visitors are concerned. Here is a country-by-country assessment:

Madrid: Tourist cancellations as a result of international terrorism has been less than other Mediterranean nations, the General Secretariat of Tourism said. Cancellations have been coming principally from the United States and Canada, countries which represent only a small fraction of the tourist flow to Spain.

Paris: Up to 50 per cent of Americans planning to come on holiday to Franceduring March, April and May have cancelled their visits, largely through fear of terrorist attacks, according to estimates provided by the US Travel Service. In the week immediately after the raid, Air France registered 4,000 cancellations, mainly by Americans.

Bonn: Ever since the bomb attack on the West Berlin discotheque early this month, rumours have been sweeping the West German tourist industry that the Americans are *not coming this year. At a* place popular with Americans, for example, Rudesheim, a picture postcard example of a town on the Rhine, the mayor, Dr Schlephorst, reported 80 per cent of hotel bookings by Americans have been cancelled.

Athens: Upper bracket tourist trade in Greece has already written off 1986 as a dead loss, after huge cancellations by American tourists too nervous to travel to Greece.

after the recent spate of terrorist attacks and the US-Libya conflict.

Tribute after Bradford fire

A new radio "Oscar" was presented to Pennine Radio yesterday as a tribute to the station's response after the Bradford football fire disaster a year ago.

The award, for outstanding service to the community by a local radio station, was presented for the first time and was amonbg the radio awards given by Sony at a ceremony in London.

Radio Four won seven awards: best drama production (*Hiroshima, the Movie*); best current affairs programme (*File on 4*, "South Africa: Reform or Revolution"); comedy (*Delvel Special*); classical music ("Symphonies and Silence"); best dramatisation (*Muchausen*); technical excellence and achievement ("Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols").

Other awards were:
Gold award for outstanding contribution to radio: John Timpson, BBC Radio Four.
Radio personality of the year: Douglas Cameron, Independent Radio News.
Special award for services to radio: BBC and Independent Radio Local Radio for parliamentary broadcasting coverage.
National disc jockey: John Peel
Best actor: Ray Smith for Radio Three's *A Kind of Hallowe'en.*
Best actress: Jane Asher for BBC Radio Scotland's *Winter Journey.*
Society of Authors' award for best script: *A Kind of Hallowe'en.*
Best magazine: BBC Radio Norfolk's *Norfolk Air Line*
Best local radio programme: *Goodbye Village School.* BBC Radio Wales.
Best specialist music programme: BBC Radio Derby.
Radio reporter of the year: Mark Jordan, Capital Radio.
Sports broadcaster of the year: George Gavin, BRMB Radio, Birmingham.
Best popular music programme: Piccadilly Radio, Manchester.
Best community service programming: Radio Clyde, Glasgow.
Best children's programme: Radio Aire, Leeds.
Local radio personality of the year: Mike Hurley, BBC Radio Humberside. Radio Academy award for best creative use of radio: Radio One for *Peace on Earth.*
Best outside broadcast: Radio One for coverage of the Live Aid concert.

Mother's 'hours of hell' after son's fall

By Craig Seton

Gavin Hall, the boy aged five who was hauled to safety after falling on to a ledge next to a 100 ft sheer drop on Cannock Chase, Staffordshire, munched toast and cereals in his hospital bed yesterday as his mother spoke of her "six hours of hell" waiting for rescuers to reach him.

Gavin, battered and bruised, was expected to spend a second night at Stafford General Hospital, but he was well enough to tell his mother, Mrs Dawn Hall, how he saw a fireman "come to get me out" after he fell down a bracken-covered hole and became trapped in the rock crevice on Sunday.

Mrs Hall said: "I went through hell for six hours. I had prepared for the worst, but I had never experienced such relief and joy when they pulled him out."

Mrs Hall had kept away from the immediate scene of the rescue in case Gavin heard her voice and struggled as firemen and mine rescue specialists worked to free him.

She said that Gavin told her: "I fell down a big hole and then a man came to get me out".

He was given a toy dog by an anonymous well-wisher yesterday and he immediately named it Bernard after Fireman Bernard Gidman who stayed with him throughout his ordeal. Gavin's fall happened after he was taken by a neighbour, Mr Barry Bolton, and his two stepsons to *Cannock Chase to kick a* football about.

The police believe that Gavin stumbled into a hole caused by mining subsidence.

Doctors at the hospital said that he would probably be kept in for observation, but that he had escaped from his ordeal without serious injury.

Portfolio Gold

Playing Portfolio Gold is a family effort in the Langton household in North Wales.

Yesterday it was daughter Katherine's turn to see if they had the right numbers and the family now shares a £2,000 prize.

A delighted Mrs Christine Langton said: "Both my daughters help me to play Portfolio Gold. We are so excited and didn't believe our luck at first."

Mrs Langton said the family, of Pantymwyn, near Mold, had not yet decided how to spend the money.

The other winner, Mrs Elizabeth James, a Lewisham housewife, was equally delighted with her family's £2,000 win.

Mrs James's daughter, Sarah, aged 17, and her son, Jonathan, aged 8, often join in playing Portfolio Gold.

The family have decided to put the money towards a holiday this summer and to buy something for the garden.

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Mrs James: win pays for family holiday.

Payout to solicitor's ex-client

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

One of the most publicized and damaging cases against a solicitor has ended with an out-of-court settlement paid by the Law Society to the South Wales businessman who was overcharged by £131,000.

The society agreed to pay Mr Leslie Parsons £50,000, with legal costs of £15,000, on the basis of the time and trouble to which he had been put in pursuing a complaint against his former solicitor, Mr Glanville Davies.

Mr Parsons had claimed £400,000 damages in the High Court, alleging that the society had failed in its statutory duty to investigate properly the complaint against Mr Davies. The society denied any breach of statutory duty.

Mr Davies was ordered by the High Court to be struck off the roll in proceedings brought by Mr Parsons after the Law Society had failed to investigate the matter thoroughly.

Mr Davies had acted for the businessman in a lengthy legal dispute over the invention of an onion-peeling machine and had charged him £198,000 in fees, a sum eventually reduced by the courts to £67,000.

A subsequent internal report by the Law Society found its handling of the affair had been a disgrace and that there had been wrong decisions, errors of judgement, a failure to communicate, high-handedness and insensitivity.

£50,600 view

A world record price for a John Constable watercolour, £50,600, was paid at Phillips in London yesterday. A landscape, probably of Hampstead, it was bought by the dealers Baskett and Day.

Prince jailed on drugs charges

A Saudi prince was jailed for three months on drugs charges at Knightsbridge Crown Court yesterday.

Prince Mashour ben Saud Aziz, aged 32, a nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, was given three months for possessing cocaine and 12 months, nine suspended, for possessing the drug with intent to supply it. The sentences will run concurrently.

The prince was told by Judge Pownall after a three-and-half-month trial: "Everyone can feel sorry for an addict. But addicts only become addicts because of their inability to refuse and because of the peddlers' evil trade."

The prince, of Cheval Place, South Kensington, was found guilty on Friday of posssessing cocaine with intent to supply. He was cleared of conspiracy to import and supply the drug but admitted possessing it.

Before he was sentenced, another charge was laid against him, of possessing cocaine at Gloucester Place, west London, on February 13, and he asked that it be taken into consideration. The court was told that he was arrested a month after the trial began, outside an address being watched by the police, carrying cocaine worth £1,000.

Judge Pownall told the prince he accepted that he had supplied drugs to his friends free of charge. But he added: "When you do that you are nonetheless helping others to snort a drug which can and does do enormous damage."

Mr John Matthew, for the defence, said that in the past few months the prince had tried to give up cocaine. He was prepared to give an undertaking to return to Saudi Arabia for a minimum of 12 months "to complete a course which will enable him to free himself from addiction".

Four others were sentenced yesterday. Judge Pownell said: "Those who set out to import dangerous drugs are no better that salesman of misery and degradation. "But since it is clear to me that the real villains are not in the dock I cannot pass the kind of sentences that should be passed. I suspect that what I have heard is only the tip of the iceberg."



Prince Mashour, victim of an "evil trade".

Dino "Bronco" Sadler, aged 24, of Southwood Road, Dunstable, convicted of conspiracy to import and conspiracy to supply cannabis, was sentenced to 18 months' jail but because of the time spent in custody the judge ordered his release.

Nazima Mohammed, aged 25, of Ryder's Terrace, St John's Wood, north-west London, who admitted possessing cocaine, was sentenced to nine months suspended for two years.

The court was told Andrew Jamieson, aged 26, of Gilbert Place, Holborn, convicted of two offences of supplying cocaine, had six previous convictions for possessing drugs. He was jailed for two years.

Alan Norman, aged 24, of Foreswych Road, Cricklewood, north-west London, convicted of supplying cannabis, was jailed for three months.

Three others were cleared of all charges last week.

Rest homes criticized

By Craig Seton

Private rest homes have been accused of providing inhuman treatment, dangerous medication and overcharging after a 12-month investigation.

A report, *Realities of Home Life*, published by the National Union of Public Employees and West Midlands County Council, says disturbing evidence of regimentation, understaffing and low pay had been recorded from experience by volunteers in 14 homes.

Government policy on cash and manpower resources had allowed what have been called elsewhere "warehouses of death" to flourish "without any genuine attempt to set down acceptable standards".

The report said the callous treatment of residents was in stark contrast to Department of Health and Social Security standards.

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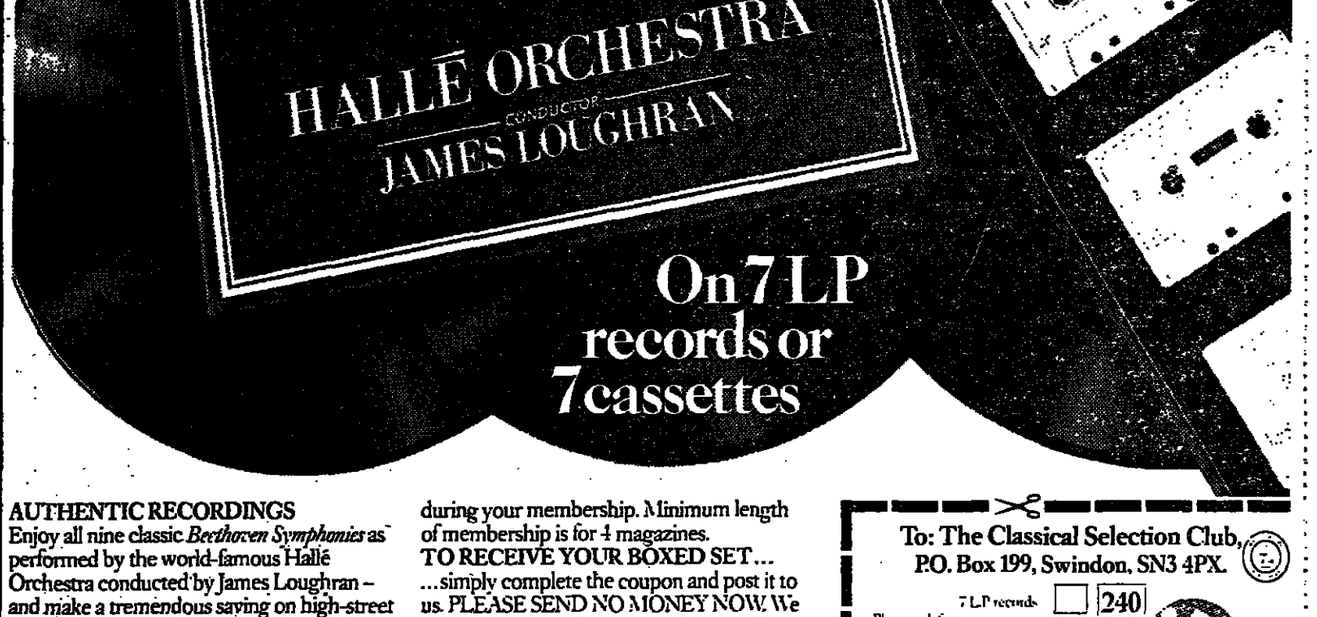
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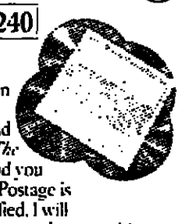


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US moves on chemical weapons designed to achieve total ban

DEFENCE

The Government noted with concern the massive chemical warfare capability of the Soviet Union and considered that Nato should continue, as its first priority, to work urgently in the current negotiations in Geneva, for a comprehensive and verifiable global ban on all aspects of chemical warfare, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said in reply to a private notice question in the Commons.

A force goal requiring the United States to modernize its chemical weapons stocks with binary munitions is being discussed collectively within Nato, in accordance with normal Alliance procedures (he said).

We believe that United States' moves towards modernizing its limited retaliatory capability with binary weapons will underline to the Soviet Union the benefits of reaching early agreement on a total ban.

In the event that it is not possible to achieve such a ban, United States chemical weapons modernization would contribute to upholding Nato's deterrent strategy of flexible response.

Mr Denzil Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, asked if a recommendation that binary nerve gas weapons should be part of Nato's armoury had already been accepted by Nato military representatives, including the United Kingdom's representative.

Was that recommendation soon to be discussed and considered by the civilian permanent representatives and ministers of defence, including the British Secretary of State for Defence (Mr George Younger)?

Was one of the proposals that the F111s at Upper Heyford and Lakenheath should be equipped with chemical bombs — he thought they were called binary spray bombs — or were MPs to be told that the Government had not been asked and did not know?

If those proposals were accepted, they would do considerable political damage to Nato and the Atlantic Alliance. Far from helping the Geneva talks, they would jeopardize them and lead to further escalation of the arms race.

Would Mr Stanley make it clear that the British Government would, if necessary, veto these proposals and never allow these hideous and new weapons on British soil? (Cheers).

Mr Stanley said the proposal for a force goal for modernization of the United States' chemical weapon capability had been considered by the military representatives, but not the ambassadors and ministers at Nato.

The United States had indicated that they had no plans to deploy binary chemical weapons in any foreign country in peacetime. If such a move were to be considered in future, the United States would consult beforehand with the countries concerned. (Labour protests).

He disagreed about the implications for arms control. It had been well-demonstrated in the INF development. That had made the Soviet Union negotiate more seriously than before.

It was part of the British Government's position, its foremost priority, that efforts to try to achieve a total worldwide ban on chemical weapons should continue.

The Soviet Union had taken advantage of the fact that the United States had not modernized since 1969 and had established a massive chemical warfare capability.



Nelson: Concern about hideous stockpile

It was of vital importance that our deterrence of the chemical front was maintained.

Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C), a former Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said the present proposal for Nato was more likely to persuade the Soviet Union towards a ban than was the view of the Opposition, which seemed devoid of commonsense.

Mr Stanley said the implications for defence of not having a retaliatory capability would be a major handicap for conventional forces and reduce the nuclear threshold.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: It would be morally repugnant for this country to give any support to the deployment of nerve gases which are a hundred times more potent than mustard gas.

This is not necessary for Nato and it is a form of warfare and weapons systems which this country should condemn totally and not agree to deploy.

Mr Stanley: There is no question of deployment so far as the United Kingdom is concerned. Our policy remains unchanged.

When he says it is repugnant, I must remaind him that throughout his time as Foreign Secretary, when he had responsibility, the United States had a chemical weapons capability.

Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C) said the fact that the Soviet Union had continued to build up its stocks of chemical weapons and now had 80,000 specially trained troops together with specialized de-contamination vehicles demonsrated that unilateral disarmament did not work.

Mr Stanley said he endorsed that view both as to the efficacy of one-sided disarmament and the scale of the Soviet chemical weapons capability which was estimated to have reached 300,000 tonnes, a massive stockpile, together with alternative methods of delivering it.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) asked what the storeage implications were should the United States, in certain circumstances, decide to deploy such weapons in other Nato countries.

Mr Stanley said there were no such implications until the United States approached the United Kingdom with a specific request. No such request had been made and the United States had made it clear that no such request would be made in peace time.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) said there was something illogical, contradictory and obscene about saying there had to be an increase in chemical weapons before there could be a decrease.

Mr Stanley said there was nothing obscene about giving oneself a deterrent capability if ever such evil weapons were used against this country.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said even those staunchly supporting the idea of a nuclear strategic deterrent were gravely concerned about the wisdom of deploying and building up a stockpile of ever more hideous and novel means of killing each other.

Whatever position the US took about a build-up on its own territory there should be no question of a similar build-up in the United Kingdom or any other Nato countries.

Mr Stanley said he could only speak for the United Kingdom in saying there was no question of a build-up of binary ammunition in the United Kingdom in peace time.

MPs fear harm from opencast mining

ENVIRONMENT

Fears about the effects of proposed opencast coal mining in Wales were voiced by backbench Welsh MPs on both sides of the House during Commons questions.

The exchanges were initiated by Mr Keith Raffan (Delyn, C) who asked Mr Wyn Roberts, Under Secretary of State for Wales, to seek a meeting with the National Coal Board chairman to dissuade the board from applying again to have opencast mining at Post Elnion, in his constituency, an attractive rural area with high quality land.

The chairman should be told that the last application was rejected because the need for opencast mining had not been demonstrated. The board would be hard put to prove the need now that coal stocks were high and oil prices had collapsed.

Mr Roberts said it was for the NCB to decide if there had been sufficient change in the circumstances since the earlier decision on the site to warrant their making a fresh application. He could not comment on the merits of the situation as the case might come formally to the Welsh Office for a decision.

The procedure for applications for opencast mining had changed since March 1984 and they were now dealt with as part of the normal planning procedures.

Mr Donald Coleman (Neath, Lab) asked Mr Roberts to exercise care when handling these applications which were strongly opposed by local people. There was sensitivity in many South Wales areas.

Mr Roberts said he knew of the situation and that this was part of the purpose in changing the procedure.

The Housing and Planning Bill before the House provided for a simplification of the opencast procedures by abolishing the need for ministerial authorization. But planning permission would still be needed.

We will ensure that any proposals coming before us for decision are publicized (he said) and that full opportunity is given for representations to be made Mr Richard Livsey (Brecon and Radnor, L) said the Coal Board should be encouraged to go into deep mining which was labour intensive, instead of opencast mining which tended to be capital intensive and destroyed the environment and communities in South Wales.

Mr Roberts repeated that this was a matter for the board.

Obviously (he said) opencast mining is not only cheaper but has a much lower ash and chlorine content than deep-mined coal, but many deep mines depend on opencast coal for blending, to provide an acceptable product for customers. So opencast and deep mining are complementary rather than competitive.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that in his constituency (Alyn and Deeside) there was widespread condemnation of opencast mining proposals close to a primary school and housing development at Ewloe.

Mr Roberts should tell the Coal Board chairman that if Bersham colliery, near Wrexham, closed, the economy of north east Wales would rock on its heels following the Courtaulds closures.

He sought an assurance that in view of the steep oil price drop there would not be throughout the South Wales coalfield proposals for new pit closures. In the Welsh valleys unemployment was one in four, far too high.

Mr Roberts said about Bersham that it was always a matter for great concern when a pit must close.

Current movements to lower oil prices emphasized the need for the Coal Board to be competitive and make every effort to improve productivity.

EEC deal begins to reduce attraction of cereals

FARM PRICES

The EEC farm prices deal agreed last week represented a further significant step towards improving the common agricultural policy while safeguarding the competitive position of British farmers, **Mr John Gummer**, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a long Commons statement about the settlement for 1986-87. It was good for Britain and good for Europe, he added.

Overall (he went on) this price fixing has produced a highly satisfactory outcome and one that follows closely the approach endorsed by the House without opposition on March 10. The pressure on support prices in the Community has been maintained.

In particular, the effective reduction agreed for cereals marked an important step in the battle against surplus production. The outgoer's scheme for milk was the next stage in bringing about a better balance between production and consumption.

Devaluing the green pound had ensured that Britain's farmers were treated fairly in relation to producers elsewhere in the Community, including particularly France and Ireland.

While the Government would have preferred a straight cut in the price for cereals, the co-responsibility mechanism as agreed was a substantial improvement on, and simplification of, the Commission's original unsatisfactory proposals.

Despite the real steps taken by the European Community to reduce the milk surplus, culminating in the introduction of quotas, the Community was still a substantial over-producer of milk. The UK was determined to secure a further reduction and so to cut this surplus. Britain was, however, insistent that the burden should fall equally on all member states.

In the face of strong opposition from a number of countries, a further 3 per cent cut in milk quotas was agreed. This would be effected over the next three years, initially through a Community buy-out scheme. If this voluntary system was not effective in all member states it would be underpinned by compulsory reductions.

Mr Brynmor John, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said the package shirked the underlying long-term problems of the farm industry. When would the Council face up to them? Agriculture deserved more candour from its ministers European-wide than it was getting at present.

Mr Gummer: I agree we will not solve all our problems by what we have done and in trying to move out of a situation in which there are massive surpluses we can only do so in a way which gives the industry time to make the changes it needs to make. There are limits to the amount of weight you can put on farmers in any one year.

There was no question about breaking the VAT ceiling in 1986-87.



John: Package shirks long-term problems

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) asked what steps would be taken to ensure that those compensated for moving out of milk production would not start to produce other commodities in surplus.

Mr Gummer told him there were no rules to prevent this happening.

Mr Richard Livsey (Brecon and Radnor, L) said there had been no real resolve in the Community to reduce surpluses. The green pound devaluation did not seem to go far enough, though it was a move in the right direction.

Mr Gummer said they could not have it both ways and object to the devaluation being inadequate while saying the EEC was not trying to deal with the surpluses. It would not be sensible to have a devaluation such as would undermine the price package.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) asked why a co-responsibility levy for cereals should succeed where it had clearly failed with milk.

Mr Gummer said he did not suggest that the levy on its own would have the desired effect. But together with other parts of the package, including the changes in intervention, the levy would lower general cereal prices.

This should be the beginning of an effect to reduce the attraction of growing cereals.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab): When will it be known whether or not this package breaks budgetary discipline?

Mr Gummer: The Commission has made it clear this package will not break budgetary discipline. Discussion of these elements is continuing in the Council of Finance Ministers.

Mr Robert Maclennan (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP): The beef and sheep premium arrangements are useful but is it not the minister who is trying to have it both ways by over-selling the benefits of this package to the European taxpayer and underestimating the lack of help to the beleaguered farm industry?

Mr Gummer: He is asking for two impossibles: on the one hand more money for farmers for the very products which are in surplus and on the other hand attacking the Government for trying to do something about it.

I would much prefer to have had a reduction in price but we were unable to achieve that. We have achieved a package which is much closer to what we wanted than anybody in this House thought possible

Mr. Paul Marland (West Gloucestershire, C): Returning to the co-responsibility levy on cereals, the co-responsibility levy on dairy products was seen not to work. It is merely tinkering with the situation to introduce one now. During the next five years will we be looking at other ways to curb production?

Mr Gummer: I see this as part of a package and not on its own. It is not fixed permanently. It is for a five year period.

We will be continuing to press the Community in the direction we want so to reduce the price of that which is in surplus and change the system of intervention.

Hard times for shipbuilders

INDUSTRY

Shipbuilding was a difficult market in which to deal, even at the best of times, and things at the moment were especially difficult, **Mr Peter Morrison**, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said when moving the second reading of the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill in the Commons.

Current borrowing powers, set out in the 1983 Act, were up to £1,200 million and, he explained, and it was likely these would be reached some time during the summer. That was the reason for this technical, but important, Bill — to increase to £1,300 million, and later to £1,400 million, the amount that British Shipbuilders could raise by way of Government support.

To maximize their cost effectiveness, British Shipbuilders had been concentrating on ferries, offshore supply and diving supply vessels. Judging by their present workload, that was a successful policy.

The yards were also securing better components at better prices and adopting new building methods.

British Shipbuilders had invested almost £330 million since 1979.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said the future of the British shipbuilding industry would be decided over the next few months.

He urged the Government to prepare a proper procurement policy and increase the size of its support available, in particular the shipbuilding intervention fund.

The Government should also look at the possibility of further UK support packages in the same way as were provided by other governments, and examine the idea of extended credit packages.

Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C) said that in the end they did not benefit an industry simply by pouring in money in defiance of the facts, logic and world trade patterns. Government policy was about right.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab) said that there was a tendency for some people to talk as if no orders were being placed in the world. There were orders about, but the United Kingdom had been getting nothing like an adequate share. There should be more use of the intervention fund.

Police investigations continuing

WELSH AGENCY

The police were investigating the circumstances of the original investment by the Welsh Development Agency in the Parrot Corporation and this was a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions, **Mr Wya Roberts**, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions, when a Labour MP asked for a full Government statement on the issue.

Mr Roberts said he had no intention of making comments which might prejudice that matter. Writs had been issued in the United States against the Welsh Development Agency and others, although the agency had not yet had such a writ served upon it.

The Public Accounts Committee had made known its intention to look into the Welsh Development Agency's investment in the Parrot Corporation.

He was replying to **Mr Leo Abse** (Torfaen, Lab) who had commented: The anxieties in Wales over the administration and lack of monitoring of grants of selective assistance increased on Friday when it was made clear by the Attorney General that investigations into fraud were being extended and apparently would include members or past members of the Welsh Development Agency.

As the Parrot Corporation now has writs issued against it for more than £15 million and has lost £500,000 in the last report, will the Secretary of State (Mr Nicholas Edwards) make a full statement to the House in which he can relieve my constituents in Gwent of all the anxieties of the work force that there is something amiss in the administration, structure and relationship of the Welsh Development Agency, Ministers and the Parrot Corporation?

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales: When will the minister make a full statement? It has been asked for for many months.

Mr Roberts: I understand that in addition to the Public Accounts Committee, the Welsh Select Commitee is also going to look at the affairs of the Welsh Development Agency.

Peers demand curbs on religious cults

HOUSE OF LORDS

A call for legislation to deprive the Unification Church — the Moonies — and similar cults of their charitable tax-free status and to control what he called their evil activities came from **Lord Denning** (Ind), former Master of the Rolls, at question time in the House of Lords.

Earlier he had been told by **Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone**, the Lord Chancellor, that the Treasury Solicitor estimated that the trial at first instance of the Attorney General's actions concerning the charitable status of the two trusts associated with the Unification Church was unlikely to be concluded before late 1988 or early 1989.

Lord Denning had asked when the Government expected a final decision to be made by the courts as to the charitable status of the church. He said that a deplorable time had elapsed since the decision taken in March 1981 after the *Daily Mail* had exposed the Moonies and their evil practices.

A jury had thought the newspaper was justified and had added a rider that the tax-free status should be investigated. Surely another five years would not have to pass before a decision was made?

Surely it would be better and quicker (he said) to have a short statute depriving this cult and similiar cults of tax-free status and controlling their evil activities?

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone: I think perhaps he is straying into a discussion of the merits of the case which is sub judice.

Lord Allen of Abbeydale (Ind) said that, in addition to the two charitable trusts concerned, there were 90 other organizations of a non-charitable kind connected with the Unification Church. Therefore a decision to strike the two charities off the register would not necessarily mean the end of that church.

If the church was to be banned, it was a matter for Parliament. That would raise the question of religious toleration which would not be entirely non-controversial.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said he did not have particulars of the 90 associated bodies. He supposed that any legislation of this kind would be either private or hybrid and the House would realize the difficulties which sometimes attended those.

Call for ban on frogs' legs

A demand for real turtle soup and frogs' legs to be banned from the menus at the House of Commons was made during question time by **Mr Tony Banks** (Newham North West, Lab). He told Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, that it was unacceptable that MPs could still buy real turtle soup and frogs' legs in the Commons restaurants and asked him to instruct the Catering Subcommittee to stop purchasing such obscene items.

Mr John Biffen: I cannot buy them at that price level, but I will convey Mr Banks's comments to the Catering Subcommittee.

Debates refused

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) unsuccessfully sought to initiate an emergency debate on the difference between reasons given by the Prime Minister for the American use of British bases in the raid on Libya and the reasons given by a Pentagon spokesman

Mr Eric Deakins (Walthamstow, Lab) was unsuccessful in an application for an emergency debate on the common agricultural policy price package announced this week.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Finance Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Gas Bill, committee (second day); Patents, Designs and Marks Bill and Sex Discrimination Bill, third reading.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

How is it that at this of all times there should be difficulty in securing American consent to a new treaty for the extradition of IRA terrorists wanted for trial in Britain?

Why should there be such spectacular reluctance to co-operate just when we are being told of the gratitude to Britain that is sweeping the United States after the Libyan bombing? Do Americans really believe that terrorism against the British is permissible, while terrorism against Americans is a crime against humanity?

The importance of this issue for Anglo-American relations can hardly be overstated. It is a matter of both practical and symbolic significance. The measure is necessary in the fight against terrorism and to convince British opinion that the United States is truly our partner in that fight, that it is not concerned simply with protecting its own interests.

All the signs are that this is fully appreciated by the Reagan administration. The President himself has lent his weight to the attempt to get the treaty passed through Congress. The difficulty is one that has become familiar over the years: that the political processes of the United States are suited to the effective conduct of domestic rather than foreign policy.

Negative powers of minorities

The problem arises because a small group of Senators has managed to block the passage of the treaty through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They have been able to do this without worrying whether they have majority support because the American political system gives considerable negative powers to Congressional minorities.

Not only does the constitution provide for the separation of powers between Congress and the President, but within Congress authority is now much more widely dispersed than it was. No longer are the elected leaders and committee chairmen in effective control. So there is all the more scope for small and often unrepresentative groups of Senators or Congressmen to block measures they do not like.

In this instance the group contains some personalities of consequence, such as Senator Joe Biden, who is frequently mentioned as a possible Democratic nominee for President in 1988. But there is no reason to suppose that he speaks for the majority of Americans today in his lack of sympathy for British concerns.

This unwieldy system of checks and balances makes sense in terms of domestic policy. The United States is a nation of minorities and it is reasonable that the interests of one of them should not easily be overriden by the general will.

These arrangements give minorities substantial powers of resistance. There is more to be said for that in a country as large and various as the United States than there would be in the relatively small and compact nation states of Europe.

Doubly frustrating for foreigners

But it certainly complicates the conduct of foreign policy. Everyone knows who speaks for the United States, but nobody can be sure who decides for the United States. It depends on the issue, and it depends on the occasion whether one decision is consistent with another.

This is doubly frustrating for foreign governments. It is difficult for them to know what will be done in particular instances, and it is impossible for them sometimes to negotiate with those who will be effectively deciding whether a policy is implemented.

None of this has mattered much for most of American history because foreign policy was not of so much consequence until the past half century. Now it is a major concern.

There are only two partial solutions in sight. One is for American politicians to attach more importance to foreign policy considerations, which may be somewhat optimistic, and the other is for the President to be powerful. Americans may complain from time to time about the Imperial Presidency. Other countries should not do so.

The President by the very nature of his office is the person best able to give coherence to American foreign policy. It is no exception to the general rule that in the extradition controversy so much depends upon the President's influence with Congress.

Genetic engineering: 2

Biological war to meet crops threat

Agricultural advances in high yield, pest-resistant crops have depended on refinements in classical genetics. In applying centuries-old ideas in interbreeding to create new varieties, the ability to manipulate individual genes has opened exciting prospects. But, as Pearce Wright, Science Editor, reports, there is rising disquiet about some of the ethical implications.

The idea of biological warfare strikes a chill in people in much the same way as the thought of nuclear warfare. It is that fear which seems to lie behind the opposition to plans for the release of genetically engineered organisms to solve some agricultural problems.

The first such experiment in Britain begins this summer, using an aerosol containing a genetically modified virus to spray about a hundred trees on Forestry Commission land in northern Scotland.

With the blessing of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Nature Conservancy Council and the government Advisory Committee on Genetic Manipulation, a team of scientists from the Institute of Virology, Oxford, will test a means of destroying caterpillars of the pine moth, *Panolis flammea*.

There is more than just the development of a novel method of pest control with "living insecticides" at stake. The experiment is the first trial of the advisory committee's new guidelines on this type of activity, published this month.

Public reaction to the research will be studied carefully. For in future the rules will apply to the first genetically engineered plants, as well as microbes now undergoing indoor testing by agricultural scientists. Other European countries are likely to adopt a similar safety code if it is proved adequate.

Caterpillars can cause catastrophic damage in plantations of the commercially valuable lodgepole pine. A new approach to their control was described by Dr David Bishop, leader of the Oxford research team, at a recent Ciba Foundation meeting.

He said the initial purpose of the experiments was to test whether biological control is a realistic way of eliminating the pest.

The experiment was designed to check the spread of a genetically modified virus through the caterpillar population and to compare it with normal infection among the insect larvae.

An extra piece of DNA, with the sole job of providing a marker for laboratory analysis, was added to the caterpillar genes.

Dr Bishop said that if the experiment is successful, his team proposed further genetic modifications to make the virus more virulent by producing more powerful toxins.

In principle, the virus should die out when the infestation of caterpillars is over.

Biological warfare against agricultural pests is not a new idea. It has also been tried in glasshouses, where a ladybird-like predator, *Phytoseinlus persimilis*, thrives on the red spider mite. The strain dies out once it has eaten its way through the spider population.

Further research by the Glasshouse Crops Research Institute, near Littlehampton, Sussex, has perfected a way of using a pesticide based on the spores of a fungus to get rid of aphids and whitefly.

However, the combination of genetic engineering and pest control adds a new dimension to the concept. While preparing for the field test in Scotland the scientists are looking over their shoulders at developments in the United States, where the only other experiments for releasing organisms into the atmosphere have caused controversy.

Exciting advances in agricultural genetics in the US have foundered temporarily because of a dispute over a public safety code

In "the case of the ice-minus bacteria", research into a microscopic organism, *Pseudomonas syringae*, which creates havoc by acting a focus for the formation of ice crystals in crops, was halted because of court intervention by consumer groups.

The discovery by Dr Steven Lindow, of the University of California, Berkeley, showed how to create a harmless strain of the bacterium by deleting the gene responsible for stimulating the formation of the ice crystals.

Tomorrow: New drugs and the genetics business.



Mr Michael Winner, chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, laying flowers yesterday at the spot where Police Constable Keith Blakelock was killed near Broadwater Farm Estate at Tottenham in north London during last October's riots. Mr Bernie Grant, leader of Haringey Borough Council, who criticized the police role in the disturbances, did not attend. Black residents who watched the ceremony accused Conservative councillors of using the occasion for political ends (Photograph: John Voos)

Old 'being forgotten by church'

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England is losing touch with the interests of older people, Age Concern has told the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

In a letter commenting on the report *Faith in the City*, which caused a political storm when it was published by the Archbishop's Commission on Urban Priority Areas last year, Age Concern said it regretted that the commission "was not inclined to focus its attention on the position of older people".

The commission urged greater public spending on inner city problems.

Age Concern remarked that older people tended not to benefit directly from such policies. The commission also neglected long-term unemployment among older workers and gave no recognition of the leadership potential of older people.

Age Concern said it intended to try to strengthen its relationship with the church.

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Party's expectations must be curbed, Hattersley tells unions

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party and Shadow Chancellor, warned the party and the unions yesterday they must put a brake on their hopes and expectations from a Labour Government. Progress would be slow, although he knew that would bring criticism from within its own ranks.

A Labour Government would not accept dictation from the unions, nor would it do deals with them if it knew the policies to be wrong, he said.

"I will not allow the next Labour Government to fall into the trap which engulfed our socialist colleagues in France," he said. "We are not going to attempt too much during the first two years and be forced to abandon our hopes, as well as our policies, during the second half of the Parliament."

His speech, he said, set out the partnership between the party and the unions. He made no reference to industrial relations or pay. Instead he emphasized the first priority must be to get more people back to work. Other plans had to wait.

He told delegates to the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) conference, in Eastbourne, that there must be an extension and deepening of the partnership between Labour and the unions. That did not and could not mean that either partner dominated the other.

"I assert at once that I do not and will not ask the unions to accept policies to which they are opposed as a quid pro quo for a Labour Goverument implementing policies which it knows to be wrong.

The party and the unions must decide their programme for the next government, he said. "I must frankly repeat what you already know. It will not be possible to fulfil all our aspirations in the lifetime of a single Parliament".

"That means" he concluded, "and we must accept that it means, that other programmes and policies, highly desirable in themselves, will have to take their place further back in the queue – or be financed by means which do not compete for the resources we must allocate to create new jobs."

● The shopworkers yesterday became the first union to decide to take government money to fund ballots since the TUC changed its policy.

At their Eastbourne conference, the 700 Usdaw delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of the move. Usdaw is the sixth biggest union, with 385,000 members.

● One of Britain's most powerful unions, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, will name its new president today to succeed the late Mr Terry Duffy.

The favourite is another right-winger, Mr Bill Jordan, aged 50, the union's West Midlands divisional organiser.

Checkout girls are 'driven to suicide'

Supermarket checkout assistants are being driven to drink and drugs and sometimes suicide, delegates at the annual conference for Usdaw, the shop workers' union, were told yesterday.

They are suffering from stress caused by long queues at checkouts, handling large sums of money, impatient customers and more armed robberies, the conference at Eastbourne heard.

Miss Pat McDermott, from Stewarts Supermarket, Belfast, appealed for shorter hours, proper staffing levels, more breaks and more rest rooms.

Sheikh buys Arab horses in England

By Craig Seton

One of the largest consignments of pure-bred Arab horses from English studs to be exported to the Middle East has been purchased by Sheikh Said Alkindi, of Oman, who plans to sell them for racing and breeding.

The Sheikh has paid £140,000 for 25 young Arab horses after a tour of English studs.

According to the Arab Horse Society, Britain has become the leading exporter of pure-bred Arab horses to the Middle East.

Mrs Patricia Westwood, who has sold three Arab horses to Sheikh Alkindi from her Moat House Stud at Ullenhall, Warwickshire, said: "This is the biggest consignment of Arab horses from this country sold to one buyer in the Middle East".

Sheikh Alkindi, who owns a stud near Muscat, said he had bought six Arab horses on a previous trip to Britain four years ago, but now intended to return every three months to establish a regular trade.

Mr Colin Pearson, the administrator and registrar of the Arab Horse Society, which was founded in 1918, said that last year 162 Arab horses were exported by British members, 100 of them to Middle Eastern countries.



Coals to Newcastle: Sheikh Said Alkindi with one of the 25 Arab horses he bought in a £140,000 shopping spree at English studs (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Unofficial postal strike continues

By Tim Jones

More than 2,000 postal workers in South Wales decided yesterday to continue their week-long unofficial strike which has caused a backlog of more than 10 million undelivered letters and parcels.

Industry, business and social services throughout the area are suffering and at least one company is reconsidering expansion plans that could create much-needed jobs.

Mr Peter Walters, controller of mail for Wales and the Marches, said: "The Post Office cannot bow to unacceptable restrictions the union is attempting to impose on how the backlog of mail is cleared".

The strike began over the dismissal of Mr Jimmy Quigley, a postman, after he returned to a Cardiff depot with undelivered letters.

He was reinstated at an appeal hearing, but the men decided to stay out after the Post Office said it wanted to employ casual labour to handle the backlog. That would mean a loss of overtime earnings to the regular staff.

Girl sees mother assault woman, 72

A girl aged four watched as her mother and pregnant aunt attacked an elderly woman and broke her finger to steal her wedding ring, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Sentencing Dianne Holgate, aged 22, to 10 years' jail, Mr Recorder James Crespi, described the attack as "outrageous". He remanded her sister, Maria Holgate, aged 17, for psychiatric reports.

Both sisters had admitted robbing Mrs Emily Shine, aged 72, of Kingsland Road, Bethnal Green, east London, causing her grievous bodily harm with intent, last July.

Maria Holgate also admitted assault and robbery offences in similar incidents involving five other women aged from 76 to 88.

Mr Simon Smith, for the prosecution, said they had put a cardigan over Mrs Shine's head and hit her with a cheeseboard so hard that it broke. She had also been hit in the stomach with a vacuum cleaner before the sisters escaped with the little girl.

The court was told that Maria Holgate, of Caledonian Road, Islington, north London, had been in care since she was aged seven. Dianne Holgate, of Murray Grove, Hoxton, north London, had since had her baby in prison.

Breeder of rare eagles fined £500

A new home was being sought yesterday for nine rare African eagles after a court case in which their owner was fined for rearing them at his aviary.

The huge birds, big enough kill domestic pets, were seized by customs officials from the home of the breeder, Philip Dugmore, 18 months ago.

At Stafford Crown Court yesterday, in the first prosecution involving large birds of prey, Dugmore, aged 59, of Trescott, near Wolverhampton, was fined £500 for keeping the eagles, whose importation is prohibited under the Endangered Species Import and Export Act, 1976.

Mr John Maxwell, for the prosecution, said that the birds – three Crowned Eagles, four Marshall Eagles and two Verreaux Eagles worth nearly £19,000 – had been smuggled into Britain as eggs.

They had been allegedly stolen by a wildlife inspector in Zimbabwe.

Customs officers were alerted when Dugmore applied in January 1984 to register some of the birds and it was noted that no import licences had been granted.

Mr Robert Solman, for the defence, said Dugmore paid £3,350 for the eggs and spent more than £3,000 in transporting them to Britain and feeding them.

Dugmore was ordered to pay £500 towards Customs and Excise costs.

● Police officers and wildlife experts were looking yesterday for an aggressive European eagle owl.

Standing 30 inches high and with a 6ft 6in wing-span, the bird was released by thieves who raided the Welsh Hawking Centre at Barry, South Glamorgan.

Levy 'will benefit the Scots'

By Ronald Faux

Most Scottish households would be better off under the community charge levy which the Government proposes should replace the rating system, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday.

He added that, for the rest, the increase would seldom be more than the cost of a packet of cigarettes a week.

Opening the debate on local government financing in the Scottish Grand Committee at Edinburgh, Mr Rifkind pointed out that 60 per cent of the Scotfish electorate paid nothing towards the costs of local government.

Under the new proposals, every Scottish adult would contribute and he rejected the view that that would be a tax on the poor. He said that 80 per cent of single pensioners and single parents would benefit.

Those on very low incomes or the unemployed would be entitled to income support along the lines of the present rate-support grant. Only households with two, three or four working adults would pay more.

Mr Rifkind described the local income tax alternative as "a chamber of horrors".

But Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Secretary of State, believed the Government's plans were "a recipe for chaos".

Middle-class areas would benefit while working-class areas would have to pay more.

He feared that family life in Scotland could be damaged and people might be reluctant to register on the electoral roll if it was used to track down those eligible to pay.

Science report

Corncrake yields clue to its habitat needs

By Gareth Hew Davies

The corncrake, a bird once common in lowland Britain but whose harsh nocturnal call is now mainly confined to the Scotish Isles, is yielding secrets of its habitat requirements which may enable scientists to devise a strategy to preserve it in its final strongholds.

A team from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds working in South Uist in the Outer Hebrides has found that the corncrake has a clear preference for a cultivated habitat of hayfields, rather than the dry and improved sheep-grazed turf machair, or wetter peaty soils.

Radio transmitters were fitted to 12 male corncrakes last summer to pinpoint the movements of the elusive Crex Crex, whose position is often betrayed only by its insistent night call.

The research has confirmed a long-held suspicion among scientists that the crakes move out of their calling points in iris beds and travel up to half a kilometre a day to feed, passing through the calling areas of several neighbouring birds, before returning to their habitual night habitat.

The home range of about 40 hectares a bird is considerably larger than the area a crake was thought to require. The birds were found to use drainage ditches, which conservationists previously thought ecologically retrograde, as a means of walking undetected around the fields.

The corncrake's design was first noted in the nineteenth century in the hay meadows of south-east England and is believed to have been hastened by mechanization of harvesting.

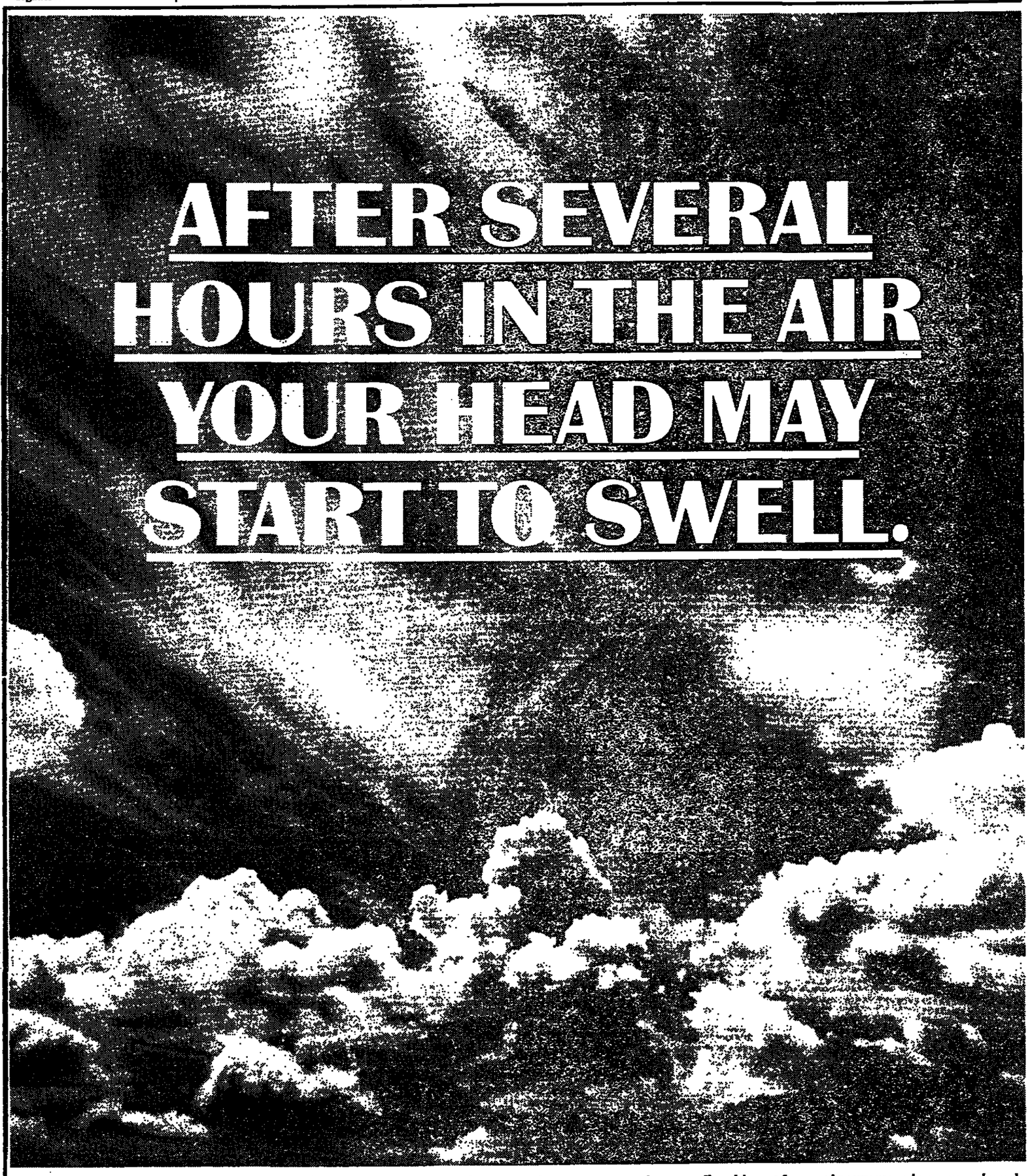
The hand scything still practised in parts of Scotland allows the farmer to spare nests. The most recent study in 1983 recorded only about 700 calling birds in Britain, almost all of them in north-west Scotland, with about a third in the Western Isles.

The three-year study, part funded by the Nature Conservancy Council, is designed to show whether EEC agricultural regimes are detrimental to the bird.

The RSPB team has returned to South Uist for a second summer to radio-tag females, to learn more about nesting habits and where they lead their young. The team wants to find causes for the bird's low breeding productivity: only four or five young usually survive past the nest from clutches of 11 or 12 eggs.

By the end of next year, the RSPB hopes to complete a corncrake conservation strategy that would be applicable throughout Europe.

"We hope to suggest ways to enable farmers to continue their activities so that they benefit the corncrake and make a living", Mr Tim Stowe, project leader, said. "We must maintain at least the existing traditional cropping system or lose the corncrake."



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Press in Kremlin conference row

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A televised press conference staged by the Kremlin yesterday to attack the activities of the US-financed Radio Liberty quickly degenerated into an unprecedented slanging match between Western journalists and senior officials from the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At one point, scores of the journalists present broke into spontaneous applause when an angry American correspondent made repeated demands that Mr Donald Kimelman, a correspondent from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, should be allowed to answer a savage attack made on him in an official Soviet newspaper.

The ostensible purpose of the remarkable 90-minute conference was to publicize the reappearance of Mr Oleg Tumanov, the Soviet defector who returned to the Soviet Union in mysterious circumstances recently after 20 years in the West, latterly as Radio Liberty's acting editor-in-chief at its Munich headquarters.

Mr Tumanov steadfastly refused to give details of his sudden return, but increased anger among Western journalists by naming a number of Western correspondents he said had links with the US station, which he claimed was run as an intelligence operation designed to subvert the Soviet state.

The bearded ex-defector looked unsure of himself throughout, and denied suggestions that he had either been kidnapped or had all along been a double agent planted in the West by the KGB. He was the fourth apparent defector to be produced to the Western press by the authorities here in the past two years.

In a carefully prepared statement, Mr Tumanov, aged 42, described his time in the West as a "nightmare dream", and said that his road back home via an unnamed Soviet embassy in Europe had been "tortuous".

The journalists' anger was provoked both by last Saturday's lengthy attack on Mr Kimelman — who was at the conference — in the official paper *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, and by claims from Mr Tumanov that a number of Western reporters had willingly given Radio Liberty information about the Soviet Union.

The conference represented a considerable souring of the atmosphere between the Western press and the Soviet authorities, which had earlier been improving under the leadership of the communications-conscious Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Mr Yuri Grimitski, the senior Soviet official chairing the proceedings, accused Mr Nick Danilov, a veteran US Moscow correspondent, of attempting to stage a "counter press conference" on Mr Kimelman's behalf.

Reporters present said that they could not recall similar scenes at an official news conference in Moscow. The ill-tempered nature of the affair increased when another journalist, Mr David Aikman of *Time* magazine, queried whether the output of Radio Liberty was any more propagandist than the regular product of the official Soviet media.

Until yesterday nothing had been heard about Mr Tumanov's whereabouts since he disappeared from his Munich home two months ago.

One of those he accused of co-operating with the US station was the former BBC television correspondent in Moscow, Mr Tim Sebastian, who was expelled with 30 other British nationals in the tit-for-tat expulsions in September. His colleague, Mr Peter Ruff of BBC radio, accused Mr Tumanov of "smearing" his name by the accusation.

Radio denials

Munich (Reuter) — Radio Liberty and its sister network, Radio Free Europe, yesterday denied they were a front for US intelligence operations.

Mr Bob Redlich, spokesman for the Munich-based stations, said: "No intelligence officials work here."



Mr Oleg Tumanov at yesterday's Moscow press conference.

Waldheim given a rough reception in mean Floridsdorf

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Floridsdorf railway station in the scorching heat: it is not a part of Vienna on the usual tourist circuit. No monuments, no cafes, just housewives, lame gypsies and eye-catching girls dressed scantily in a lurid orange and green.

All were waiting yesterday afternoon to hear Dr Kurt Waldheim in his first and only campaign speech in the heart of Socialist Vienna.

"He's a Nazi, I know the truth," shouts an old man in a tweed jacket and dark glasses."Get rid of him. He's drunk."

"Go on, push off!" echoes the chorus of rather primly dressed ladies assembled near the microphone.

The solitary protester is hustled away by a policeman, and a canned version of "Rule Britannia" drowns the murmuring crowd.

Dr Waldheim, however, is late. Perhaps he suspects that Floridsdorf will give him a rougher ride than wealthier parts of the city.

The crowd continues to gather. A Turkish *Gastarbeiter* spits out the end of a cheroot and nods approvingly.

"He's the only man with personality, a man of confidence," he says, reflecting the Balkans' love of bravado, a quality which Dr Waldheim seems to have acquired, surprisingly enough, in recent weeks.

A priest, in pin-striped suit and trilby, supports the Turk.

"He's the only man with international experience."

The pro-Waldheim lobby in Floridsdorf is smaller than in other parts of Vienna, for the district is one of the poorest in the city and has a staunch Socialist tradition.

None the less, as Dr Waldheim steps smiling out of his car the crowd applauds. But before he can take more than two steps, the old man who shouted "Nazi" reappears and slaps the former United Nations Secretary-General on the face, sending him reeling back into his car.

Someone shouts "Proletarian thug". And for the second time the protester is bundled away by policemen.

Unabashed, but blushing a bright crimson, Dr Waldheim takes the microphone. "For 40 years I have been proud of this Austria," he begins.

"We must return to co-operation and integrity, and not the rules of the party book. That's what you all want!"

And, judging by the applause and cheers, it is clearly what even the normally Socialist voters of Floridsdorf would seem to want as well.

There are some exceptions. "Damn these Nazis: they are everywhere," the protester, now sitting on a nearby lawn, mutters under his breath as Dr Waldheim steps back into his car and glides back across the Danube to the safety of Catholic, prosperous and conservative Vienna.

Militant Kanaks join Libya group

Paris — The United Kanak Liberation Front (Fulk), a minority component of the main Kanak separatist movement, the FLNKS, in the French overseas territory of New Caledonia, has announced it intends to participate in an "international combatant force" whose creation was decided at an international conference of liberation fronts in Libya last month (Diana Geddes writes).

M Yann Uregei, secretary general of Fulk, said his party had decided to join "in order to fight against colonialism, racism, imperialism, apartheid and other forms of oppression".

M Uregei was suspended from his post as the FLNKS "foreign minister" after his party decided to attend the Libyan conference.

Villagers flee avalanches

Milan (Reuter) — Thousands of villagers were told to evacuate their homes after days of heavy rain and snow in northern Italy brought avalanches crashing down on roads and farm buildings.

Avalanches also blocked Alpine passes and water flooded the banks of Lake Maggiore.

Case dropped

Düsseldorf (Reuter) — Anti-semitic proceedings have been dropped against Count Wilderich von Spee, a former mayor who spoke of killing "a few rich Jews" to balance his town's budget, after he paid DM90,000 (£27,000) to a children's hospital.

Winner at 16

Belgrade (Reuter) Alisa Maric, a 16-year-old schoolgirl, became Yugoslavia's youngest-ever chess champion in the national championships

Oil search

Harare (AFP) — A six-man geological survey team from West Germany begins exploring the Zambezi Valley in Zimbabwe for potential oil and gas deposits on Monday.

Man bites dog

Jakarta (Reuter) — An enraged villager killed a dog by repeatedly sinking his teeth into its throat after it bit a six-year-old boy.

Western leaders focus on Libya

France backs international anti-terrorist organization

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand has come out in favour of an international anti-terrorist organization involving the police, intelligence services, and possibly even the armed forces of the countries involved.

In a pre-Tokyo summit interview yesterday with *Yomiuri Shimbun*, the Japanese daily newspaper, M Mitterrand suggested that France's position on the fight against terrorism had been misrepresented in the press.

"What we do not want, is that our foreign policy, our diplomacy, cease to be independent.

"We do not wish, under the guise of the fight against terrorism, that France be involved in international action which it has not freely examined," he said in an obvious reference to the controversial French refusal to allow US fighter planes to fly over French territory on their way to bomb Libya.

M Mitterrand said France was "ready for an international anti-terrorist organization, involving police, secret services and a possible eventual military input, on condition that the determination of the internal policy of each of the participating countries remains autonomous and free . . .

"France is one of the rare countries which fight effectively against terrorism. This is not a new decision. At Tokyo, France will make its contribution to an efficacious fight against terrorism."

M Mitterrand may insist that his views, as given in the interview, are not new, but they have certainly not been aired in public before. Only three weeks ago he appeared to indicate that he was opposed to any co-ordinated policy on terrorism emerging from the Tokyo summit.

In a statement at the time, M Mitterrand said: "France has always been in favour of topical policy questions being raised (at the world economic summits), notably during dinner . . . but it would like these summits to preserve their informal and predominantly economic character."

"France continues to be opposed to these summits becoming a political Directory for the world . . ."

● **Reagan request:**In a long and detailed front-page article in *Le Monde* yesterday, M Jacques Amalric, the newspaper's usually well-informed diplomatic correspondent, claimed that President Reagan sought to involve France in its operation against Libya in the Gulf of Sirte, before trying again in connection with its raid on Tripoli and Benghazi on April 14.

Both requests were met with a firm refusal.

According to M Amalric, who does not reveal his sources, President Reagan first contacted M Mitterrand on February 25 to inform him of the United States's intention of carrying out manoeuvres in the international waters of the Gulf of Sirte.

'Slave ranch' trial opens in Texas

Kerrville, Texas (Reuter) — A prominent Texas family, accused of kidnapping drifters to work at their "slave ranch", goes on trial today in the state's first criminal slavery case since the Civil War.

About a dozen people were found in chains at the ranch when it was raided in April 1984, police said. Officials allege that more than 50 hitchhikers and drifters were abducted, chained, tortured and forced to work.

Members of the Ellebracht family are charged with killing Anthony Bates, a drifter from Alabama. Walter Ellebracht, aged 55, his son, Walter Jr, 33, and the son's wife, Joyce Hall Ellebracht, 31, are charged with murder and conspiracy to commit kidnapping. Carlton Caldwell, 21, who police said worked at the ranch, is also charged.

All defendants plead not guilty. If convicted, each faces a maximum sentence of 99 years in prison.

The ranch is located a few miles south of the busy Interstate 10 highway.

Prosecutors allege that the Ellebrachts regularly cruised Interstate 10, picking up hitchhikers and offering them food, shelter and jobs. The prosecution case is that, once lured into the care of the family, the drifters were chained with leg irons and forced to clear hundreds of acres of trees.

Prosecutors have alleged that these "slaves" were tortured with electric cattle prods

Federal Bureau of Investigation interviews with other "slaves" have produced charges that Bates had lived on the ranch for about three weeks before he was beaten to death.the prosecution alleges.

Leading ETA man arrested in France

Domingo Iturbe Abasolo (right), the alleged chief of the military wing of the Basque terrorist organization, ETA, was still in custody yesterday after his arrest by French police on Sunday night at Ahetze, near Biarritz. He is expected to be charged with breach of a French residence order

"Txomin", as he is better known, is believed by Spanish police to have been involved in the assassination of Señor Carrero Blanco, the Spanish Prime Minister, in 1973.

His arrest comes two days after a terrorist attack in Madrid in which five policemen were killed.



"Txomin" was confined to Tours in 1984 because of his suspected terrorist activities, but disappeared in 1985.

Belgium expels seven of Tripoli's envoys

Brussels (Reuter) — Belgium yesterday became the sixth EEC state to curtail Libyan diplomatic activity when it announced the expulsion of seven Libyan diplomats.

The Brussels Foreign Ministry said that the seven were among 14 diplomats resident here and accredited not only to Belgium, but also to Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and the Brussels-based European Community. Libya does not have diplomats resident in the other Benelux countries.

The ministry said that the seven, whose names were handed yesterday to the head of the Libyan mission here, would have to leave Belgium within two weeks.

The movements of the remaining Libyans would be restricted to Brussels and its international airport, the ministry said.

It said later that two administrative staff attached to the Libyan People's Bureau here were also being expelled.

● **WEST BERLIN: Authorities here turned down yesterday demands by Ahmed Nawaf Mansour Hazi, a Palestinian held in connection with the bombing of a city discothèque, that he be released for lack of evidence.**

A custody order has been upheld, although no charges have yet been brought.

● **BEIRUT: The Netherlands is to close its embassy in Muslim-controlled west Beirut and Dutch diplomats will leave the country.**

A foreign affairs spokesman at The Hague said that the embassy would be closed because of the danger to staff.

Nakasone refuses to take sides in US raid debate

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese Prime Minister has fended off criticism of Japan's passive stance on terrorism and his handling of proposals for the restructuring of the country's economy, and has hinted Britain cannot expect any change in taxes on imported whisky in the countdown to next week's Tokyo summit.

At a pre-summit lunch for foreign correspondents yesterday, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone and his officials set the scene for what they hope will be a smooth meeting of the leaders of the seven leading industrialized countries starting next Sunday.

Japan is keen that, whatever its decisions, the summit must be seen to be a performance without any confrontation that could reflect badly on its host. But during the past week, two issues in particular have seemingly threatened Mr Nakasone's chances: the continuing build-up of terrorism, Libyan terrorism in particular, and his handling of the Maekawa report on the restructuring of the Japanese economy.

Japan is the only leading world power that has not made a clear stand on the American reprisal attack on Tripoli, and Mr Nakasone's tone yesterday indicated clearly he has no intention of getting involved in what are, for the Japanese, the perilous nuances of the incident. But he did defend Japan as the only country which has taken appropriate economic measures in connection with Libya.

"Economically speaking, Japan has been taking the most appropriate approach to Libya. When the (terrorism) issue came up before, we told Japanese companies not to take advantage of the retreat of American private firms and this has faithfully been observed. Since the previous incident we have refrained from going into new private projects with the Libyans," Mr Nakasone said.

Though Japan maintains diplomatic relations with Libya, there are only about 300 Japanese there and Tokyo's exposure has been reduced to a minimum since the days when the Japanese Red Army group was active in the Middle East. Only seafood is imported from Tripoli.

Mr Nakasone indicated Japan has no intention of making any more than a general statement on Libya. He said Tokyo did not have its own evidence on the bombing of the Berlin nightclub and, by implication, was not seeking it. Nevertheless, he promised to follow the line on terrorism set out by his summit partners.

He is likely to be less forthcoming with Mrs Thatcher on the topic of reducing taxes on imported Scotch whisky. He said taxes had already been twice reduced, avoiding any reference to bulk imports which were central to the problem, but promised to listen carefully to what Mrs Thatcher had to say on the subject.

The British Prime Minister will no doubt remind him that imported, bottled, cereal-based whisky is taxed at twice the rate of Japanese first-class whisky and seven times the rate of second-class domestic whisky.

At the pre-summit lunch, Mr Nakasone also strongly defended the way he presented the Maekawa report during his most recent visit to the US.

The report was received there as an historic departure, but politicians at home were less impressed. They accused him of representing the private report as government policy and misleading foreign governments into believing Japan was about to make a near-miraculous transformation to a more import-oriented nation.

The Prime Minister said he had twice clearly explained to President Reagan that the report represented a statement of political determination only and its implementation would be the equivalent of climbing two thousand metres higher than Mount Everest.

Journalists barred

Nusa Dua, Bali (Reuter) — Indonesia has refused entry to two Australian journalists travelling with President Reagan, despite last-minute appeals by both Canberra and Washington. The two Australian Broadcasting Corporation men will stay in Honolulu when the Reagan party leaves today. The bar follows the recent row over Australian press coverage of Indonesia.

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50	54	5,319	2,824	3,989	12,132	5,266
55	59	5,250	2,788	3,938	11,976	4,935
60	64	5,198	2,760	3,899	11,857	4,315
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Reagan signals his backing for the Aquino Government

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In an important gesture of support for the new Philippine Government, President Reagan is to hold separate talks on Thursday with Mr Salvador Laurel, the Vice-President, in Bali.

They will discuss Mr Reagan's offer of an extra $150 million (£100 million) in emergency aid, made during his first telephone call to President Aquino last week.

Meanwhile, details have emerged of the long, emotional telephone conversation between Mr Reagan and former President Marcos in Hawaii at the weekend. The deposed Philippine leader, who did most of the talking, asserted he was still the rightful President, and complained bitterly about his fall and exile.

He said he wanted to return to Philippine politics, and in a phone call later to his supporters in Manila said he was "ready to fight".

Mr Reagan, according to Administration sources, firmly but politely rejected his assertions, expressing his support for the Aquino Government and saying that the Filipino people had expressed their collective will.

Much of the call was taken up by a talk between Mrs Imelda Marcos and Mrs Nancy Reagan. A Honolulu television station, allowed to shoot silent footage, broadcast pictures of Mrs Marcos distraught and sobbing.

She complained of her betrayal by the American media, and such unflattering accounts as her 3,000 pairs of shoes left behind in the presidential palace.

White House officials gave few details of the conversation, held in the presence of Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, and Admiral John Poindexter, the national security adviser.



Mr Reagan trying to catch a coconut during a walk with Mrs Reagan on a Hawaiian beach before flying on to Bali.

Manila ignores rally appeal by Marcos

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The Government of President Aquino and Manila's newspapers yesterday ignored a strong, direct radio appeal by deposed President Marcos for his supporters to stage a rally on May 1 to demand his return from exile.

"I don't like to comment on the rantings of a discredited man," Mr Rene Saguisag, a presidential spokesman, said after the Marcos appeal on Sunday over a local radio station.

Only one of Manila's 10 daily newspapers mentioned the rally and the unprecedented radio address.

Loudspeakers in the city's Luneta Park broadcast the interview to about 10,000 pro-Marcos supporters who gathered at the park's grandstand for the fourth successive week to demand the return of Mr Marcos, toppled two months ago in a civilian-backed military revolt.

His supporters say Mr Marcos, aged 68, who fled from the presidential palace in a US helicopter, was "kidnapped" and flown to Hawaii instead of being airlifted to his northern home province of Ilocos Norte, where he intended to regain control of the country from Mrs Aquino.

Many tearful Marcos supporters cheered and applauded when Mr Marcos, the nation's strongman for 20 years, urged them to "double and quadruple" their ranks and press for his return. But the crowd was half the size of the previous week.

Mr Marcos, who still considers himself President, said Mrs Aquino had taken power through the "greatest political robbery in history".

● BERN: The Philippines has formally asked the Swiss authorities to help it recover more than $1 billion alleged to be held in Switzerland by Mr Marcos, the Government said (Reuter reports).

Chemical weapons to be kept in America

From Frederick Bonnart Brussels

New American chemical weapons will not be stocked in Europe in normal peacetime. Nato is to ask the US to manufacture the binary chemical weapons and keep them there, ready for deployment in Europe in a crisis.

Senior defence planners from the delegations of member countries, meeting in Nato's defence review committee yesterday, approved improvements to the military force structure of the alliance requested by the leading Nato commanders, according to a senior Nato official.

Among these is the request from General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, for modern binary chemical munitions.

Binary chemical weapons are stored in two halves which are harmless apart, but form a lethal nerve gas when mixed.

General Rogers, who has been firm on his need for such modern weapons, is equally adamant about the need for political control. Provided they are available for rapid shipment to Europe, he said, "there is no reason why they now have to be over here".

What is necessary, in his opinion, is allied agreement to release procedures similar to those for nuclear weapons to place responsibility for their employment firmly in the hands of political rather than military authorities.

Five dead as balaclava gang attacks vigil in Soweto

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

At least five people are believed to have been killed and up to 30 injured in an attack by a gang in balaclavas at a funeral vigil in Soweto, it was reported yesterday.

Residents claim that several other youths were driven off in what appeared to be police vehicles.

News of the attack coincided with reports that up to 100 off-duty black policemen were involved in reprisal attacks on anti-apartheid activists in Alexandra township on Johannesburg's northern border last week which left at least three people dead. Police say that the claims are being investigated.

Two policemen were wounded yesterday in a pitched gun battle in Alexandra which left two of their attackers dead and another injured.

Another black policeman was seriously injured in Mamelodi township, outside Pretoria, at the weekend when a mob tried to "necklace" him – burn him to death with a petrol-filled tyre round his neck.

A hand-grenade attack was made on another black policeman's home, and police in Zwide township near Port Elizabeth were fired on by a sniper.

At least 33 black policemen have been killed in townships in the last two years, and many more have had their homes burnt down by mobs.

A sergeant was knifed to death in Soweto on Friday shortly before the vigil began for a youth aged 18 shot by police 10 days ago.

In Tembisa township, east of Johannesburg, police yesterday shot a man dead as their vehicles were attacked by crowds gathering for the funeral of a trade unionist allegedly killed by police gunfire two weeks ago.

Police and troops later sealed off the township and barred entry to senior union officials, including Mr Denis Macshane of the British Transport and General Workers' Union, who is in South Africa with an International Metal Workers' Federation delegation.

Meanwhile, a judge in the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg yesterday ruled that the black National Union of Mineworkers is entitled to call a one-day strike on Thursday, May Day.

The Chamber of Mines, the employers' body, says that the stoppage could cost £21.5 million in lost production at gold and coal mines.

First Coloured ambassador tipped

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg

A former school principal is expected soon to be appointed South Africa's first Coloured ambassador.

Dr Richard Hoods, aged 50, a member of the President's Council, the Government's leading constitutional advisory body, is likely to be named as South Africa's man in Ottawa as soon as formal protocol arrangements between the South African and Canadian governments are completed.

Another Coloured, Mr Richard Davis, who has served in South African consulates in New York and Los Angeles, is also being tipped for an ambassadorial post.

Coloureds and Indians have served as junior diplomats in the South African foreign service for some years, and the Department of Foreign Affairs has launched an advertising campaign to attract more graduates to train for assignments.

But Dr Hood's appointment to Ottawa will be a particularly challenging one, given the delicate relationship between the two governments.

As South Africa's reform process gathers pace, speculation is mounting that the fundamental Group Areas Act will soon join the influx control laws on the legislative scrapheap.

Although last week's White Paper on urbanization said that separate residential areas should remain for different race groups, Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said he was not wedded to any act.

The President's Council is investigating the Group Areas Act.

Appeal likely after Astiz acquittal

From A Correspondent Buenos Aires

The Supreme Council of the Argentine armed forces has formally announced that Lieutenant-Commander Alfredo Astiz has been acquitted of all charges related to the disappearance of the Swedish-Argentine teenager Dagmar Hagelin.

Señor Luis Zamora, attorney for the plaintiff, Mr Ragnar Hagelin, father of the missing girl, said that he will study the military court's decision with the purpose of lodging an appeal.

The military high tribunal based its decision on a lack of conclusive proof that Lieutenant-Commander Astiz was involved in the 1977 disappearance of Dagmar or her detention in the Naval Mechanics' School. The prosecuting attorney had recommended that all of the facts of the case be recognized and that Lieutenant-Commander Astiz be acquitted on the ground of "due obedience".

The court's decision to base the acquittal on lack of proof, rather than on the following of orders from Navy superior officers, may imply that the Astiz trial has not turned out to be the test case for the "due obedience" principle that had been expected.

The Supreme Council also dictated that the investigation of the Hagelin case will continue within an inquiry on the Naval Mechanics' School detention centre.

Speaking outside the court, Mr Hagelin said that he was uncertain about what further investigation could mean, and feared that it may result in the case dragging on. He repeated that he was sceptical about the possibility of justice being achieved in the military courts.

Mr Hagelin claimed that the Astiz decision revealed a government policy of concealed amnesty for middle-level military officers accused of human rights violations.

The decision in the Astiz case comes a year after the initiation on April 22 1985 of public civilian trials of the military juntas that governed Argentina from 1976 to 1982.

Three days before the Astiz trial decision was leaked, the Government sent instructions to Señor Héctor Canale, the Prosecutor-General of the armed forces, confirming the principle of "due obedience".

This stance, rejected by human rights organizations, will absolve lower-ranking officers from prosecution, except in cases where they "knew the illicitness of the orders or carried out atrocities or aberrations", or departed from or exceeded orders.

Simultaneously, President Alfonsín on Thursday told ministers, congressional leaders and Supreme Court justices that he wants the military human rights trials speeded.

Lord Stockton blamed over fate of refugees

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

A book published in London yesterday accuses Lord Stockton, the former Conservative Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, of helping to send tens of thousands of Russians and Yugoslavs to death or imprisonment at the hands of Stalin and Tito.

The book, *The Minister and the Massacres* by Nikolai Tolstoy, also claims that there is evidence that someone tampered with the official record of these events, mainly for the purpose of placing the blame on Field Marshal Lord Alexander.

A spokesman for Lord Stockton said he would not be making any comment.

Mr Tolstoy, whose earlier book, *Victims of Yalta*, documented the Anglo-American agreement to return hundreds of thousands of Soviet refugees to Stalin at the end of the Second World War, says the decision to return 23,000 Yugoslavs to Tito was taken in defiance of orders from Churchill, the wartime Prime Minister.

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Senior men dismissed as Gandhi moves to crush party rebels

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has made an emphatic move against dissidence within his Congress (I) Party by getting rid of four senior figures heading an incipient revolt against his authority.

If the wild game he has shot are donkeys rather than lions, the noise of gunfire is hoped to be a sufficient warning to other, more powerful beasts who may have been thinking of moving against him. For the four, although admittedly senior in the party, have little personal power base.

The most notable, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, who has been expelled from the party for six years, was the most senior Cabinet minister under Mrs Indira Gandhi, and his hopes to have succeeded her are often said to have caused a major falling-out with her son.

Mr Mukherjee was not included in Mr Gandhi's first Cabinet, and has since been increasingly excluded from central politics. He has, however, never won an election; his place in Parliament came through indirect election to the upper house from a state which was not his own.

The three punished with him, who receive the lesser sentence of suspension, are Mr Sripat Mishra, who was briefly Chief Minister of the most populous state of the Indian union, Uttar Pradesh, but whose sacking there has passed largely unlamented; Mr A.P. Sharma, a former trade unionist and Governor of Bengal who was removed after falling out with the left-front government there; and Mr Prakash Mehrotra, a former High Commissioner in London, who was replaced under a cloud and was described to me yesterday as "a political zero".

Though none of these four has much political support in his home state, they represent a number of disenchanted figures who do have considerable backing.

Mr Gandhi, in his campaign to change the face of Indian politics, reform the Congress Party, and bring the country into the 21st century, has pushed to the sidelines a number of prominent men, including the corrupt, the incompetent, the elderly and the politically awkward or ideologically hostile.

There are now a number of such men under-employed and bearing a grudge against Mr Gandhi or his young and abrasive colleagues.

Mr Mukherjee named a few of them in an interview he gave to a Bombay magazine, the final straw leading to his expulsion from the party.

They represent themselves as Indira loyalists and as the "true" Congress, and include Mr Jagganath Mishra, a former Chief Minister from Bihar who was ousted by Mr Gandhi but who has continued to murmur against his successor, Mr Gundu Rao from Karnataka, whose chief ministership there was surrounded by such an atmosphere of corruption that Congress lost two elections to the state assembly; Mr Madhavsinh Solanki, who as Chief Minister of Gujarat put together a coalition of interests which won Congress the elections easily, but which set off an agitation and eventually communal violence he was unable to control; and Mr V.C. Shukla, who as Information Minister during Mrs Gandhi's emergency was responsible for the dragooning of the press and expulsion of foreign correspondents.

For all these men, and for many others like them, Mr Mukherjee and his friends represent an object lesson. Mr Gandhi intends to show that dissidence will be harshly treated.

"In a large country like ours," explained a government figure sympathetic to Mr Gandhi, "the central Government must be strong and it must appear to be strong. If dissident voices are allowed to be heard, they will weaken the image of the Government."

Sikh militants renew Punjab killings

Chandigarh (Reuter) — Sikh extremists have renewed their offensive in Punjab state, killing three people, including a politician from Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Gunmen also tried to kill a Hindu militant leader in a crowded Amritsar bazaar. He escaped, but his bodyguard was killed and two people wounded in a gun battle. The third victim was a Sikh temple guard.

The politician, Mr Sant Singh, aged 40, was shot dead by two Sikh extremists who escaped on a motorcycle.



Sandinista soldiers wounded in fighting against US-backed Contra rebels relax in front of a military hospital at Apanas, 110 miles north-east of Managua. Nicaragua said yesterday it had inflicted more than 1,000 casualties on the Contras since the beginning of this year, while those suffered by its own forces — mainly in the north — totalled not more than 300.

Cheers as High Court judge cleared

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, the Australian High Court judge convicted last year of attempting to pervert the course of justice and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, was yesterday acquitted by a jury at his retrial.

The public gallery at the Central Criminal Court applauded as the jury's verdict was announced, bringing to an end more than two years of proceedings against the nation's third highest judicial officer. Amid the cheers, there were tears and cries of "Good on you, Lionel".

Mr Justice Murphy, aged 63, described the verdict as a vindication of the jury system. He declined, however, to say whether he will resume his place on the High Court bench.

He stood down in 1984 amid allegations of serious misconduct which led to two parliamentary inquiries and finally to his indictment. But, even after being sentenced to a prison term last September, he refused to resign.

A former Attorney-General in Mr Gough Whitlam's Labor Government, Mr Justice Murphy's appointment to the High Court in 1975 was not popular with the Opposition and, although the Liberals yesterday refused to comment on his acquittal, they may yet seek to re-open parliamentary proceedings to remove him.

Speaking for the Hawke Government, Senator Gareth Evans, called on the Opposition not to pursue further the allegations, which he said had been dealt with comprehensively and fairly.

Charges against Mr Justice Murphy stemmed from claims by a district court judge and a senior magistrate that he attempted to influence the criminal proceedings against Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor. Mr Ryan, a friend of Mr Justice Murphy, was facing charges of forgery and conspiracy.

Human torch protest in Seoul

Seoul (Reuter) — Two students yesterday soaked themselves with petrol and set themselves ablaze in an anti-government demonstration by about 250 Seoul National University students.

Witnesses said the two climbed to the roof of a three-storey building before pouring petrol over themselves. They threatened to set themselves alight if police approached and did so as police drew near.

One was further injured when he jumped from the roof to avoid being arrested. Both were reported to be critically ill in hospital with extensive burns.

Yesterday's incidents followed clashes on Sunday in the central city of Chonju where more than 1,000 students attacked ranks of riot police after an opposition political rally.

The students were dispersed by tear gas. Police claimed the protest was thwarted and 123 left-wing students were arrested.

Mr Lee Young Chang, the metropolitan police chief, said police arrested the students as they tried to assemble near the university library to occupy it.

The students were protesting against their scheduled military training, President Chun, and US support for him.

Protest at Paraguay beatings

Bonn (Reuter) — West Germany will make a formal protest to Paraguay over an incident yesterday in which a West German diplomat and two German journalists were beaten by Paraguayan police, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced.

The diplomat, Herr Armin Stener, said he was taken to police headquarters with a four-man television crew after they had filmed a rally in Asunción by the banned Liberal Radical Authentic Party.

Herr Stener said that he and Nikolaus Brender and Peter Wendt, West German journalists, and Antonio Vulin and Eduardo Johnson, Argentine journalists, were beaten with clubs.

The demonstration, calling for more political freedom, was the latest in a rare outburst of protest against the dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, who has ruled the republic since 1954.

Poll fraud warning by Awami

Dhaka — Sheikh Hasina Wazed, the Bangladesh Opposition leader, has threatened to storm the Parliament building here if her Awami League is deprived through rigging of an electoral victory next month (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Sheikh Hasina, addressing a rally in the southern town of Pirojpur, expressed fears that the Government would use its influence to hijack ballot boxes and manipulate results in favour of the Jatiya Party in the May 7 elections. "In that case I shall declare my candidates winners and lay siege to the Parliament building with my supporters," she said.

President Ershad has said that the Opposition fears are unfounded.

An Election Commission spokesman said 1,527 candidates were contesting the election, which would pave the way for civilian rule after more than four years of martial law.

A warning to all company directors

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Spanish bishops warn against dominance of the Socialist Party

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's Roman Catholic bishops have warned of the risks for democracy if the ruling Socialist Party consolidates a dominant position in society.

Urging a pluralistic society, the bishops disapprove of a single Christian Democrat party claiming to represent all Catholics, preferring to urge the faithful to play a full yet critical role, both individually and collectively, in Spanish society.

The Role of the Catholics in Public Life, a 60-page document just made public, is the most important policy statement to come from Spain's Catholic Church since the bishops, led by Cardinal Tarancón, helped to re-establish democracy after abandoning the privileged role given them by the Franco regime.

"Whenever one political group attains hegemonic power, the temptation becomes almost inevitable to consolidate that power permanently and to remodel the whole of society, and even citizens' minds, according to the group's own way of life and own ethical criteria," the bishops said.

They protested about what they saw as the "excessive presence" of the state in the key decision-making centres of the economy, the media, especially publicly-run television, the judiciary, and even in culture.

The document, although more than two years in preparation, will inevitably have immediate political impact after the calling by Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, of general elections on June 22.

Presenting the policy document, Mgr José Setien, Bishop of San Sebastian, said that the Church's new position emphasized both the Catholics' moral commitment and critical acceptance of modern society.

"The absence of ethical values makes political manipulation the more easy," he said. "This is happening because of an excessive politicization, a trend towards the state taking over society in a totalitarian manner, even though democratic forms are preserved."

The bishops in another passage warn Catholics active in politics against putting their party's interest before those of the general good, but they also seek to combat today's popular cynicism about the politicians.

The Socialist Government has stayed silent about the document, keenly aware many of its voters at the 1982 general elections were Catholics, and reckoning that today few Catholics follow blindly whatever the bishops say.

But those political parties of the centre-right, depressed by the prospect of another Socialist victory at the polls in eight weeks' time, now have reason to feel the Church smiles on their endeavours to provide Spain with an alternative government, if not this year then at subsequent general elections.

'Miracle' babies unscathed but mothers' nightmare goes on

Fears still haunt rescued victims

From John Carlin
Mexico City

The vacant, unconcerned minds of the babies who survived the worst of Mexico City's devastating earthquake last year have apparently brushed off the effects of the catastrophe. Many of the adults, however, look as though they will be damaged for life.

The 40 or so "miracle" babies, who were buried under the earthquake-flattened buildings and lived, are reported by doctors to be showing no signs of mental trauma. The same cannot be said for those mothers buried with them.

Señora Hortensia Hernández's sixth baby, Guadalupe, was born at 3.35 am on September 19 1985. At 7.19 am the 8.3 Richter-scale tremors began, lasting more than a minute. Señora Hernández, aged 28, was lying in bed at Mexico City's General Hospital with Guadalupe, not yet four hours old, asleep by her.

"It's the end of the world, I thought to myself. But funnily enough, you know, I was surprisingly calm and unafraid. Well, here I'm going to die, I thought. There's nothing I can do about it."

Señora Hernández, who was on the fifth floor of the hospital, said she heard screams and windows cracking and saw the beds in her ward crashing into each other.

"I fell to the floor, clutching the baby. I saw the ceiling cave in, then everything went dark. It was only then that I started to get really frightened."

Señora Hernández broke a bone in her foot, but never lost consciousness during the 24 hours she remained trapped under the remains of the General Hospital, where more than 1,000 people died. What saved her and Guadalupe was a bed and a tough mattress that came between them and the collapsed ceiling.

During this bizarre burial, Guadalupe dozed contentedly as her mother screamed and screamed, claustrophobic and despairing in the darkness.

Today Guadalupe is a healthy, smiling baby. Señora Hernández, who lives with her husband and children in a two-room shack at the bottom of a ravine, is a nervous wreck.

"The tiniest thing frightens me, a dog's bark or the swish of a curtain. I get sad and depressed about life, for no particular reason. I get angry all the time with the kids. And I have a lot of bad dreams. Always about the same thing: the absolute despair of being buried alive."

Doctors and psychologists have found the same pattern over and over: the babies are healthy in mind and body, the mothers are in serious need of psychiatric help.

One of the saddest cases to have emerged from the tragedy is that of a young seamstress in her mid-twenties who was buried for eight days under the rubble of the factory where she worked. No adult was buried longer and survived.

The young woman, whose name her doctor does not wish to be published, was already a widow with three children before the earthquake.

When the tremors began she had just arrived at work and was with her new boy friend. As the masonry collapsed around them, she fainted, the boy friend held her up, then fell protectively on top of her. He was killed and she had to spend the remainder of her ordeal with his body decomposing beside her.

Today the young seamstress spends her days and nights in bed, only half alive, in a hospital run by nuns. Physically she suffered damage to her eye. She lost an eyelid, a part of the body that doctors say cannot heal or be replaced. Her eye is permanently bandaged, but otherwise all her limbs and internal organs are in working order.

Mentally, however, she has undergone what a psychoanalyst calls "an infantile regression". She does not talk, she whimpers. And every time she sees her doctor, to whom she is as devoted as a newborn child to its mother, she kisses his hand and weeps.



Señora Hernández with Guadalupe, who shared her ordeal.

Mexico after the quake
Part 2

Diplomats fail to get quick end to Gulf row

Bahrain (Reuter) – A diplomatic shuttle went on between the Gulf neighbours Qatar and Bahrain yesterday to try to resolve their dispute over the ownership of a coral reef.

On Saturday, Qatar seized 29 men – including two Britons, two Thais, a Dutchman and, it is thought, 24 Filipinos – working at the Facht al-Dibel reef on a defence project funded by the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), to which both states belong.

A Bahrain-based tug near the reef was forced to retreat by machine-gun fire from Qatari helicopters.

The Dutch Embassy in Kuwait yesterday sent an envoy to the Qatari capital of Doha, where the workers were being held, to try to secure their release.

Mr Yousef bin Alawi, Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, flew to Doha and Bahrain as part of diplomatic moves by GCC allies to settle the affair. "We are trying to acquaint ourselves with both viewpoints in the hope of restoring the situation to what it used to be," he said in Bahrain before flying home.

Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia's Defence Minister, visited both capitals yesterday, but diplomatic sources said he apparently made little progress in reconciling the two sides.

In Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, the Foreign Minister, warned the incident might affect all GCC states if it is not contained.

The British Embassy in Bahrain named the two Britons as Mr Richard Thompson, married with a family in Bahrain, and Mr Brian Davies, a bachelor.

Peres hint of anxiety about Jordan

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, has confirmed that what he calls "quiet diplomacy" with Jordan is continuing – prompting speculation here that he is worried that King Husain is preparing to move closer to Syria.

Although the disclosure has caused no surprises in Israel, it appears that Mr Peres – who rarely says anything without an ulterior motive – is worried that the King is flirting with the idea of rejecting Israel's right to exist.

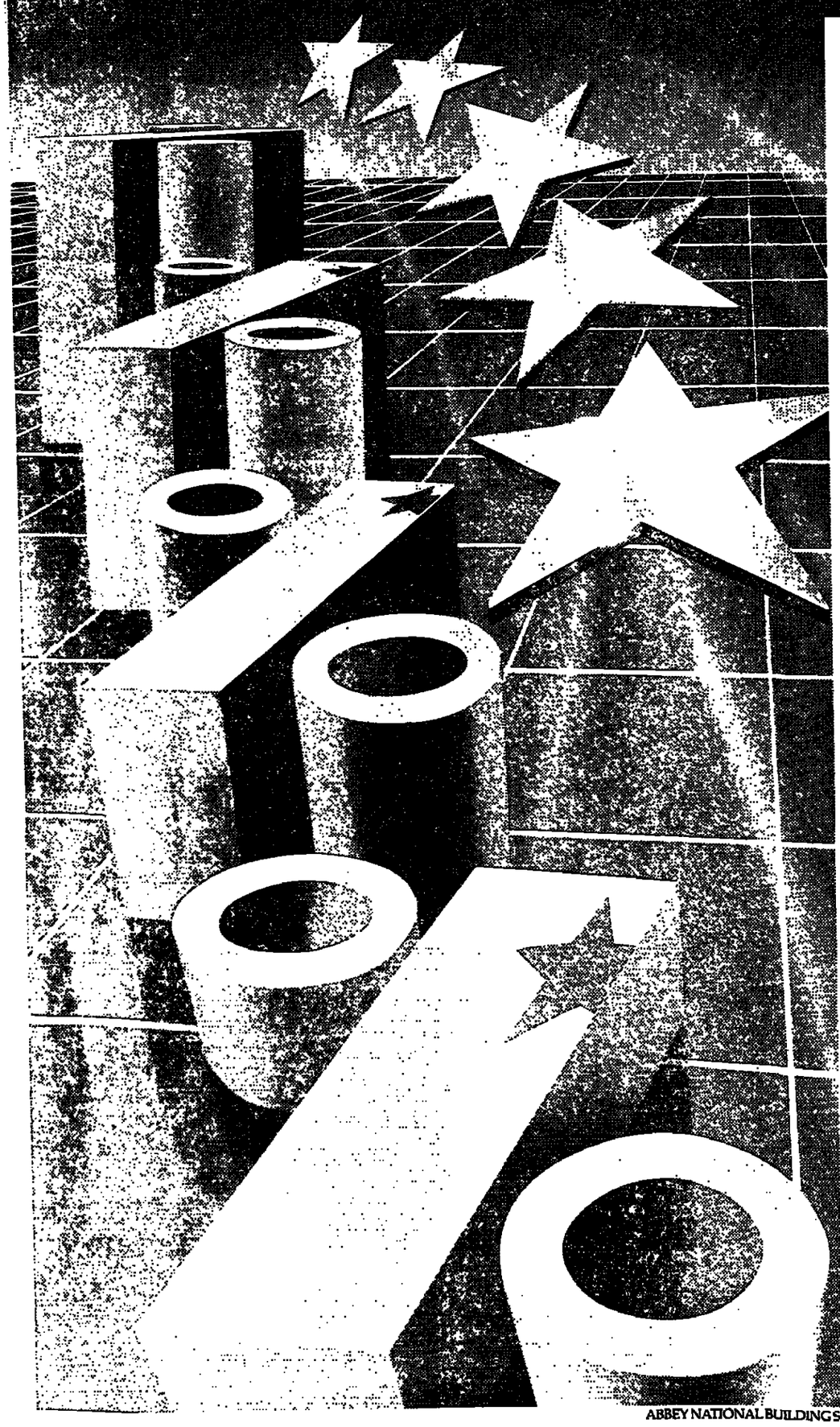
Mr Peres made his comments during a weekend television educational programme. There was, he freely admitted, no tangible breakthrough in secret discussions with Jordan, which were "characterized by mutual understanding more than by agreement".

The Prime Minister went out of his way to praise the fact that the King had broken off political contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization on February 19.

But sources here think the King has been discouraged by the lack of support from Palestinians in the occupied territories, and that has led him to move closer to the Syrian position of total rejection of Israel.

The fact that Mr Taher Kanan, the Jordanian minister responsible for the territories, was dismissed at the weekend is seen as proof

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Gloomy augury by Greek bank chief

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek Government will have to back its austerity programme with stimulation of free market forces to move the nation out of the economic doldrums, its top economic mentor said yesterday.

Mr. Dimitris Chalikias, Governor of the Bank of Greece, painted a gloomy picture of the Greek economy in his annual report.

He urged the Government to lift the ban on massive layoffs, switch from automatic wage indexation to productivity bonuses, end price controls to spur investments, and abolish tax immunity – for instance, for farmers – to bridge gaping public deficits.

The Government's "stabilization" programme, involving a 15 per cent devaluation, curbs on wages and restrictions on imports, introduced in October, has already brought the ruling Socialists into conflict with their own labour base. It unleashed a spate of strikes, as inflation soared by 25 per cent in 1985 and increases in pay were frozen.

Mr Chalikias said these measures were not sufficient to cope with the structural weaknesses of the economy.

"They should be supplemented with structural policies to ensure a more efficient functioning of markets, strengthen economic incentives, increase saving, encourage business investment, and enhance export orientation," he said.

The governor of the central bank, who is appointed by the Government but traditionally acts as its main non-political economic adviser, emphasized that 1985 saw a significant deterioration of the imbalances of the Greek economy.

The country's external debt increased to $14.5 billion (£9.7 billion). The internal public deficit rose to a disturbing 18 per cent of the gross domestic product.

The current accounts deficit in the balance of payments rose to $3.3 billion or 10 per cent of the GDP, and earnings from shipping, tourism and emigrants dropped to $3 billion, while the net benefits from the European Community were unable to offset this decline. Private capital inflow was more than halved within the past five years to $800 million.

The bank governor said that, according to official forecasts, 1986 would be a year of "zero or slightly negative" economic growth.

The Government's forecasts that inflation would be contained to 16 per cent, and the current account deficit to $1.7 billion, appeared ambitious, but were feasible if austerity was adhered to.

Already there were signs that the inflation rate had slowed down and the foreign deficit been limited in the first two months of this year.

But this was more the result of the fall in world oil prices and interest rates, than of the stabilization programme, the results of which would take time to show.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Somalia: Abdulla Rage Taraweh

By Caroline Moorehead

Abdulle Rage Taraweh, a well-known Somali poet, has been in detention, without charge or trial, for the past four years.

He is thought at present to be held in solitary confinement in the National Security Service regional prison in Mogadishu – known as "The Hole" to its inmates. As in other Somali jails, conditions are exceptionally harsh and medical facilities poor.

Abdulle Rage Taraweh was working at the Ministry of Information and National Guidance, responsible for the staging of theatre, dancing, music and poetry, when he was arrested unexpectedly in 1982. Though the authorities have given no reason for his arrest, he is reported to have been accused of expressing anti-government opinions in his poetry.

He is being held under the Preventive Detention Law of 1970, which provides for the detention of suspected opponents of the Government. There is no limit to how long he can now be kept, without charge or trial.

Zamyatin takes up UK post

By Nicholas Ashford
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the Kremlin's chief spokesman on international affairs for the past eight years, arrives in London today to take over as Soviet Ambassador to Britain.

His appointment is a key part of the current Soviet propaganda drive in Western Europe, where Moscow is trying to expand its political influence and drum up support for recent arms control initiatives by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

Mr Zamyatin, a former head of Tass news agency, is a fluent English speaker and an experienced performer before the press and television. He is certain to adopt a much higher public profile than recent Soviet ambassadors in London have done.

He will also bring greater authority to the post. He is the first Soviet ambassador to London in decades to be a full member of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

However, in terms of Kremlin power politics, his appointment is at best a sideways move, and possibly even a demotion. He is seen as being part of the Kremlin "old guard" who are being moved aside to make way for Gorbachov appointees.

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Enigmatic Emperor of change

Emperor Hirohito, who today celebrates 60 years on the Chrysanthemum Throne, may no longer be the untouchable god his ancestors were but, as David Watts reports, he remains a controversial figure in Japan



A fragile power: Emperor Hirohito, respected scientist but unlikely figurehead for the new Japan

He has reigned longer than any monarch of the developed world since Queen Victoria. But not even Queen Victoria's name could conjure up such a rich variety of images as does that of Hirohito: from God-king and potentate of imperial Japan, reviewing his all-conquering troops from a white charger, to a kindly, gentle old man in a rather baggy suit peering through a microscope *at marine specimens.* The Emperor has led *his country through* a dramatic switchback ride of fortune as Japan struggled first to emulate and then to beat the West at its own game.

As the last surviving Second World War leader he has been a witness to some of the most doleful and dramatic moments of modern history, yet he remains an enigma, a taboo even in his own country.

The very celebration of the *sixtieth year of his reign has had to* be handled with the greatest of care not to arouse opponents of the Emperor nor to make it anything less than an appropriately dignified occasion. Security in Tokyo will be the tightest it has been at any time since the war because radical leftists have pledged to disrupt the celebrations. There have been at least three rocket attacks in the heart of the city in recent weeks.

Why does the author of many highly-regarded works on marine biology and the recent discoverer of a new species of crab remain so *controversial? The reasons are as* complex as Japan's recent history.

When Hirohito was born, the western powers still had extraterritorial rights in Japan and his *grandfather, Emperor Meiji, direct* descendant of Amaterasu, the sun goddess, was on the throne taking the country into its wholesale study of western ways. The constitution decreed that the Emperor was sacred and inviolable and the public thought the very sight of Emperor Meiji would kill them.

Hirohito was taken from his mother at the age of three months *to begin his imperial training.* A puny child, he was parted even from his own brothers, who did not to have bear the same responsibility as heir to the throne.

His most important educational influence appears to have been Count Maresuke Nogi, whose military career marked him out as the embodiment of Japanese loyalty and fanaticism. A major at 22, Nogi was twice wounded *in battles* against the last shogunate, which *ended with the restoration of the* power of the Emperor, the inaugu*ration of the Meiji restoration in* 1868.

The most important foreign influence on the young prince came in 1921 when he sailed to Britain for his first overseas visit, the first by a Japanese crown prince. The tour, he recalled in later years, was the happiest period of his life, and there is no doubt that what he saw of King George V, Edward Prince of Wales and British democracy left impressions which were to shape his own life and attitudes.

*The Prince of Wales was every*thing that Prince Hirohito thought *a prince should embody.* His freedom of movement and action were impossible for a member of the Japanese royal family. The Crown Prince and his entourage never forgot the morning King George V walked into his suite in Buckingham Palace wearing trousers, braces, carpet slippers and an open-neck shirt. Slapping Hirohito on the back, he said: "I hope, m'boy, *that everyone is giving you* everything you want while you are *here. If there is anything you need* just ask. I'll never forget how your *grandfather treated me and* m'brother when we were in Yokohama [serving in the Royal Navy]. I've always wanted to repay his kindness. No geishas here though, I'm afraid. Her Majesty would never allow it."

It is a measure of the pre-war atmosphere in Japan and the extent to which Crown Prince Hirohito's attitudes differed from those in Tokyo that, when he returned, Prince Saionji, one of his more liberal advisers, said the Prince had come home from Europe "filled with dangerous delusions and liberalism".

*For a while the Prince attempt*ed to live the life of the Prince of *Wales. He gathered fellow pupils* from the Peers' School, put on the latest gramophone records *from* London and Paris and set about having a good time. Prince Saionji travelled specially from his country *retreat to rebuke the Prince for* such unbecoming behaviour and he never tried it again. He did, however, have a nine-hole golf course built in the grounds of the palace, setting off the multi-million dollar golf craze in modern Japan.

There is none of the affection enjoyed by the British Queen

The Prince told his advisers when he returned that it was time for the old superstitions and myths created by the Meiji constitution to be set aside, allowing a closer relationship between people and Emperor to develop, along British lines.

Three weeks before the Prince of Wales paid his return visit to Japan in *March 1922, a member* of the ultra-nationalist Black *Dragon Society blew himself up in* protest at attempts to sully the *purity of the royal family by* having them mix with foreigners.

But the popularity of the young prince was by now clear, much to the dismay of the militarists. And it was confirmed when he toured areas ravaged by the Tokyo earthquake of 1923.

Japan then entered the most dangerous phase of the split which still bedevils the role of Emperor *today. It concerns not merely the* man but the office in relation to *the constitution. The pre-war* military took the view that the Emperor, a god, inviolate, was above the constitution and they used the awe in which the man and the office were held for their own purposes.

Though we will never have the Emperor's own words to explain how he saw his role at the time, there is much circumstantial evidence to support the belief that he saw it as purely subservient to the views of his government. Surrounded by advisers who were cautious to a fault, he clearly did not exercise power at moments when he might have done.

Only in 1936, when he ordered *an army revolt put down, and in* 1945, when he overrode a split *cabinet to put an end to the war,* did he step outside what he saw as his constitutional powers.

The question of the Emperor's role during the Second World War is no longer an issue, in terms of the man himself, except for the left in Japan. Not even the Communists want to see *the imperial* throne abolished.

The old debate over the Emperor's role is very much alive as the *showa* (enlightened peace) era draws to a close. The American-imposed constitution, abolishing the sovereignty of the imperial institution, stated that the Emperor is "the symbol of the *state and the unity of the people,* deriving his position from the will *of the people with whom* resides sovereign power". That is a formulation *which* sits uneasily with many Conservatives. The rightists, who include the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, believe the American influence should be removed from the constitution. Some fear that would mean strengthening the role of the Emperor, leaving the way open for future manipulation of the throne.

From the days when no citizen might look on the Emperor, the atmosphere is certainly more relaxed, but the royal family has not been popularized in the manner of European royalty.

The Emperor appears rarely in public, usually at new year when he greets his people at a distance of at least 50 yds behind bullet-proof glass, and on his birthday. Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko are more frequently seen, but their contacts with the press are as anodyne as those of the Emperor, being carefully controlled through the imperial household agency press club, whose members consist of journalists who cover only the royal household. There is none of the great enthusiasm and affection enjoyed by the British Queen and her family.

But the Japanese public seem largely content with the imperial system. In a recent newspaper survey 35.2 per cent of respondents said they had "friendly feelings" towards the Emperor, 22.4 per cent paid respect to him; while 2.5 per cent were against the Emperor and 32.8 per cent had no interest at all.

Many people clearly think it is time for the Emperor to take a rest from the daily routine of official duties: 39.7 per cent of respondents felt the Crown Prince should take over his duties and 37.2 per cent felt that, though there is no provision for abdication in Japan, some means should be found for the Crown Prince to take over.

LIFE AND TIMES

1901: Born on April 29
1908: Enters Peers' School
1912: Emperor Meiji dies, Hirohito's father Taisho becomes Emperor. Hirohito made army second lieutenant, aged 11
1916: Installed as crown prince
1919: Engagement to Princess Nagako Kuni
1920: Acts for his sick father for the first time
1921: Tours Britain and Europe
1922: Prince of Wales visits Japan
1924: Hirohito marries Nagako
1926: Emperor Taisho dies, Hirohito becomes Emperor
1929: Duke of Gloucester, acting for the King, invests Emperor with the Order of the Garter
1931: Manchurian incident
1932: Attempt on Emperor's life
1938: Imperial conference on the China situation
1941: Declaration of war on Britain and the United States
1945: Japan accepts Potsdam conditions for ending the war
1946: Emperor declares himself human, food protests outside palace, Emperor tours Japan
1964: Opens Tokyo Olympic games
1971: Visits Britain
1974: Meets President Ford
1975: Queen visits Japan, Emperor visits Britain
1978: Deng Xiao Ping of China visits Japan
1985: President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea visits Japan



Anxious for change: Hirohito as the young Crown Prince

Sultans of intercontinental swing

Members of the rock group Dire Straits are taking a break after completing a 23-country, 12-month tour which set new records in sheer exhaustion

A roving principality that doubles as a rock group called Dire Straits went into voluntary dissolution in Australia at the weekend. For the first *time in 12 months* the show would not go on, leaving the *seven musicians of the British* group and their 50-strong entourage to scratch their heads and try to remember where home is.

This has been rock's most relentless mega-tour: 23 countries, 117 cities and 233 shows (or 235, including their cameo appearance in the Live Aid concert and give or take a date *in Ottawa, Canada — no one* can remember whether they *were there one night or two).*

The Dire Straits economy shows a balance of payments surplus of which a small country would be proud and a charismatic head of state in Mark Knopfler, who renounced journalism to assume a sweatband crown and superstardom.

His following is immense. More than 2.5 million people — including the Prince and Princess of Wales — have paid court in person since the tour began in Split, Yugoslavia. Via Tel Aviv, Shepton Mallet, Madison Square Garden and almost all *points north and south, they* arrived in Australia for the last leg three months ago and have since covered 22,000 miles in Australia to entertain 810,000 fans.

The band has played across three continents accompanied by up to 11 trucks full of crew and equipment including 52 tonnes of light, sound and stage set and many more suitcases than the recent royal tour *required.*

Understandably, they have been feeling the strain. "I have never been so physically and mentally exhausted", said Jack Sonni, an American guitarist who is a comparative newcomer to the band.

"We've loved it. It's been an incredible experience. But it's like being trapped in an elevator."



Shutting up shop: Dire Straits lead singer Mark Knopfler

Careful pacing has been a *vital factor in the marathon,* aided by the fact that the band is elderly in rock 'n' roll terms. Dissipation has been kept within bounds. Even so, an exclusive hotel room is just a luxuriously padded cell after a while on the road.

None of the band's members has suffered the rigours of relentless performance more *than Knopfler, the band's lead* singer, lead guitarist and song*writer. "The shop is shut", he* said last week, and maintained radio, telephone and every other kind of media silence.

"Everyone felt the strain a little bit", Sonni said, "but I think Mark suffers. It's the price you pay for leading one of the biggest bands in the world."

Whatever the strains, the tour has set records. Its sheer scale is unprecedented. "It's beyond a job, it's a way of life", said a member of the group before the last concert, at Sydney's Entertainment Centre.

Permanent motion has had some peculiar repercussions, and the side-effects of exhaustion and repetition have occasionally made unscheduled guest appearances on stage. Brilliantly successful as the sell-*out tour has* been, *performing* the same two-hour show multiplied by 233 equals the odd less-than-scintillating experience. "Honestly, it was hard to keep it up every night", Sonni admitted. "But Mark would come over on stage and nudge me if I was too static. We get energy from one another."

Hyperactivity has been the group's social disease. At least two English Literature graduates in the band have been unable to finish a book all year. *The tour manager,* Paul Cummins, claims he will have to catch a few planes to nowhere in particular just to wind down.

In the course of their travels Dire Straits have made millions of dollars and nonsense of their name. *Estimates of the Australian* profit alone range as high as £6.1 million, in which case the Hawke government is £2.8 million richer.

Gross takings for three months in the Antipodes are thought to be about £11 million, offset by the promoters' insistence that costs per day run somewhere around £30,000. *The tour was certainly long* enough to to feel the effects of *inflation.*

The contrast with 1978 was profound. In those distant days, a four-man Dire Straits concert almost put a Sydney promoter into bankruptcy. Now the band has expanded into a virtual orchestra, with only one founder member, John Illsley, alongside Knopfler.

Asked what changes the *future may hold, Sonni* responded: "It doesn't really *matter. As long as there's a* sweatband up front, it will be *Dire Straits."*

After 16 months in each *other's the end of the tour is* almost as traumatic as divorce. *The group's manager, Ed* Bicknell, a former booking *agent who saw their potential* when they had trouble getting work in backstreet pubs, believes Dire Straits could tour the world for five years without encountering an unsold ticket. The thought is staggering, but it would be a brave man at this point who stands up and shouts "Encore".

Her rest at the Albert Memorial Chapel complete, the Duchess of Windsor will be buried this afternoon

A very private funeral

On the Saturday evening before her husband's funeral — on what would have been her 35th wedding anniversary — the Duchess of Windsor went privately to the magnificent lying-in-state in the empty nave of St George's Chapel, Windsor, the first of two visits after her husband's death.

Accompanied by the Prince of Wales, she spent some minutes in the summer stillness and then looked at the wreaths spread out in the *dean's cloister. Royalty and* governments tend to send rather magnificent flowers often bedecked with ribbons resembling a mayoral sash.

The Duke's funeral was private but there were official guests — most of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, friends and staff from Paris. The elderly Lord Brownlow, who accompanied the Duchess on her dramatic flight through *France in 1936,* came down especially from Belton. Lady Alexandra Metcalfe was there, as now, the only survivor of the private wedding at Candéin 1937.

The Queen and the royal ladies, including the Duchess, entered the chapel via the Galilee porch and walked into the quire by the shortest *possible route. The Duke's*



The Duchess's coffin, on its way to Windsor

chapel by the north quire aisle to the singing of "I am the resurrection and the life. . . ".

The service itself will be conducted by the Right Rev Michael Mann, Dean of Windsor, who has on occasion over the years offered prayers *for the Duchess's health at* services in the chapel.

Royal funerals *traditionally* take place in St George's Chapel. The Duke of Windsor paid his last ever visit to Britain in August 1968 to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law Princess Marina. He was able to wear the same tail coat as he wore at his wedding in 1937.

There have been grander funerals such as the military funeral of the late Duke of Gloucester. As his coffin was carried to the Great West Door, a lone piper walked down a side aisle playing a haunting lament.

Similarly, Prince William of Gloucester, Sir Alexander and Lady Patricia Ramsay, Princess Alice Countess of Athlone and the Marquis of Cambridge *have been afforded* private funerals before committal at *the royal burial ground at* Frogmore.

Shortly before Princess Marina's funeral, the coffin of the late Duke of Kent, killed in a flying accident, was taken from the royal vault and conveyed to Frogmore. In the following year, 1969, the vault was again opened and King George VI was laid to rest in a specially built little chapel in the north wall of St George's Chapel.

The Duchess of Windsor was present at the Duke's committal at Frogmore, which took place *after lunch on the* day of the funeral. Then, privately, a year later she flew to Windsor to see the grave. The stone which will lie on her grave is cut from the same marble as that of the Duke's and the inscription was carved by the same mason. In due course her date of death will be added and the royal pair will lie side by side for eternity, near two of the Duke's brothers and in the shadow of Queen Victoria's mausoleum.

Hugo Vickers

Friends from the forgotten days of society life

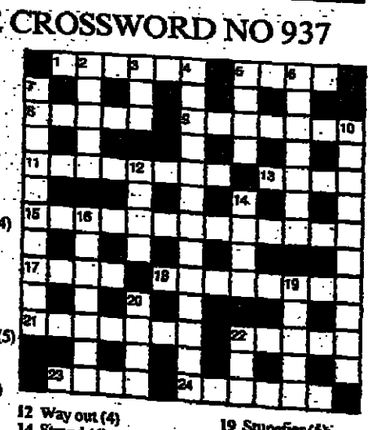
coffin was taken in procession the full length of the chapel followed by the royal men, led by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the King of Norway. The Duchess of Windsor was already the victim of the arteriosclerosis that dogged her later years. The Queen helped her find her place in the service sheet.

Today's funeral will be considerably more private, with members of the Royal Family, *friends from the forgotten days* of society life, the Duke of Windsor's godchildren and their wives and other invited guests.

The Duchess's coffin will *rest before the high altar* between the mighty black and gold candlesticks bequeathed to the chapel by the late Earl Stanhope, senior knight of the garter in 1967. The Royal Family will sit in the middle stall on the dean's side of the chapel, facing the coffin.

St George's Chapel will do its best for the Duchess with its fine choir singing the funeral sentences under the direction of the organist and master of the choristers, Christopher Robinson. Tradi-

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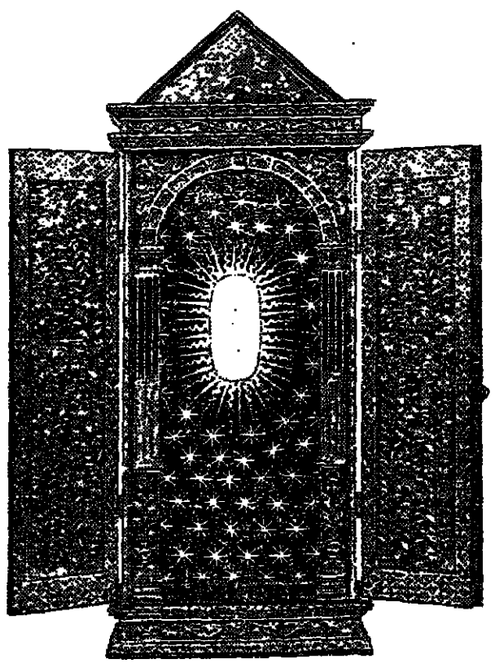
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Wrapped up in South Pacific style

The once simple wrap-around skirt is now gaining a new and sophisticated designer image

It is a long way from the shores of a South Sea island to the hips of fashionable society; but that is the journey that the sarong has made since it first appeared as a primitive native covering.

The sarong skirt is the newest shape to emerge below the waist in a season where trousers have overwhelmed high fashion's short tight skirts. But it is the international designers themselves who have come up with the wrap skirt and made it with a panache — and at a price — that would stun the South Pacific.

In its original form the sarong was nothing more than a straight length of fabric lapping the body and tucked or tied at the waist. In different forms, it is worn as a skirt, looped between the legs like a giant nappy, or tied in a loose halter across the breasts. It was worn by both men and women throughout the Malay archipelago, but its extended family of dress includes the smaller East African kanga with its framed central image and the Indian dhoti cloth.

The beauty of the original sarongs, especially those from Indonesia, is in the strong but subtle prints, made in rich patterns and fabrics with hand-block printing or batik. Border patterns, more traditional paisley motifs or bolder Gauguin-style flowers give an extra dimension to the flat cloth.









Hair by René Gelston for Schumi
Make-up by Ariane

Photographs by Tony McGee

Above: Dark green batik print cotton shirt, £225, brocade jacket made from patterned strips of cotton and rayon, £135, Seaweed green batik print sarong skirt, £195, all from Yohji Yamamoto, 6 Sloane Street, SW1.

Centre: Oyster coloured silk wrap-over body suit, £340. Knitted rayon sarong skirt, £265, brushed silver beads, £285, brooch, £180. Donna Karan, at Browns, South Molton Street.

Above right: Purple and green African print rayon shirt, £190, matching sarong skirt, £102, Purple cotton halter-neck bra, £87.50 all by Jean Paul Gaultier for Bogys, from Jones, 71 Kings Road and 13 Floral Street, WC2. Black disc earrings from a selection by Pure Fabrication at Hyper-Hyper, Kensington High Street.

Below right: Red cotton sateen jacket, £180. Green wrap-over sarong skirt, £72. Red cotton leaf-print vest, £34 all by Benedetto from Libertys, Regent Street, W1, Joannas Tent, Fulham Road, SW6, Victoria James, 3 Balgores Square, Gidea Park, Essex. Chai, Edinburgh.

The designer sarongs are cut into a shape, so that they are curved at the back or made as a more regular skirt with a drape of fabric across the front. The folds then fall in a controlled way and preserve the modesty of the western wearer who might otherwise find her improvized tie skirt falling apart.

The first designers to make something of the sarong were Giorgio Armani, who wrapped his skirts like a bath towel, Ralph Lauren, who has made the sarong in printed cottons as well as denim, and Gianni Versace, who made wrap skirts in suede and velvet. Rifat Ozbek and Romeo Gigli have also made the skirts in heavier weight wools and jerseys to take them even further away from the sun-kissed shores of a paradise isle.

The American Donna Karan is the designer who has put the sarong skirt on the fashion map. She took a length of jersey — wool or silk — wrapped it and knotted it in a way that made sophisticated New York style out of what was essentially a peasant garment. Stretchy jersey in wool or shiny viscose have made her look, although it now comes in slithers of satin and silk for evening.

Donna Karan also solved the problem of what to wear with the wrap skirts apart from bare breasts and a lei of flowers. She took a body suit, made from the stretchy jersey, and fastened it between the legs like camiknickers. This gives a sleek silhouette, whether the skirt is knotted tightly or slung low down on the hips. It also has the advantage of leaving you perfectly dressed should your skirt slip unexpectedly to the floor while lunching at Harry's Bar.

Jean-Paul Gaultier has a different way of covering the traditionally naked top half. As the ever-useful halved coconut shells are difficult to find in western capitals, Gaultier makes them instead in fabric as a sturdy bra to wear under a loose shirt.

Also on the wild side are the sarongs in printed cottons taken raw from the native look. The Japanese designers Yohji Yamamoto and Issey Miyake, who understand the two-dimensional oriental fashion based on fabric rather than shape, make wrap skirt outfits with a kimono-sleeved jacket worn on top.

But the wrap skirt makes its best contribution to spring and summer fashion when it is worn with a tailored jacket. The soft and sharp effect has always been popular with British women, who will find the folds of the sarong as flattering as a gathered skirt but following the slim lines currently in fashion.

For the moment the sarong shapes are at top price levels, although the sophisticated styles will be in the high streets by next season.

Manufacturers are also starting to turn out cheap and cheerful sarongs for holiday wear that will land back on the beaches that spawned them.

● A more controversial feature of native dress is contained in the sumptuous exhibition of Paisley fabrics at the Commonwealth Institute. The familiar tear-drop shape, long held to be a fertility symbol, represents sperm according to Paul Taylor and Ron Simpson, whose collection of rich fabrics and clothing fills the Art Gallery.

The Blossoming of the Male Flower is their interpretation of the Paisley boteh, which was printed and woven into cloth in the Scottish town that gave Paisley its name. The exhibition proves how well the patterned cloths were adapted to western dress, including elaborate waistcoats.

The Paisley Boteh is at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 until May 25.

Right as rainfall

April showers demand a fresh look at macs. The raincoat has replaced the spring coat as a lightweight cover-up for the so-called warm season. The newest raincoats peel off like an onion skin for the sun.

The feather-light fabrics look as fine as parachute silk — and the most expensive are made from treated silk that gives them an elegance and sheen. Nylon is a more affordable, material, or perhaps fine proofed cotton.

Taking a shine to rainwear means fancy finishes such as pearlized and glossy effects that recall the PVC creations of the 1960s. Colours are mostly pale, with a lot of white, bright hazard yellow and even some interesting floral prints. The short swingy coat, cut wide and knee-length, looks new and can be worn as a rain jacket over trousers. the trench coat is a perennial favourite.



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THE TIMES DIARY

Naked jape

The eminent Professor of Morbid Anatomy at the University of London thought it would be great sport to send a birthday gorillagram to the secretary of the Royal College of Pathologists. The gorilla was duly dispatched by Professor Colin Berry to the much-revered Royal College in Carlton House Terrace . . . only the gorilla didn't quite find the secretary. Instead he burst into the library and disturbed a frightfully important meeting of the governing body. Unabashed, the gorilla trilled his birthday song and signed off, "from Professor Berry". The college stuffed-shirts were horrified. Yesterday Professor Berry said rather sheepishly: "I think it caused more distress than benefit. The secretary is a great servant of the college and it was just meant as a friendly gesture."

● We have, it seems, an Agriculture Ministry that can't tell an animal from a tree. The hand-out accompanying John Gummer's statement on the EEC farm price settlement persists in giving the name of a female sheep as "yew".

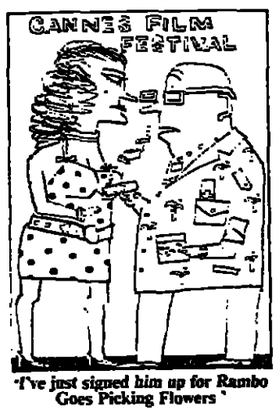
On ice

A murder hunt in London is being hampered because workers at Southwark Mortuary refuse to allow the victim's body to be examined for fear of their contracting Aids. There is no evidence that 27-year-old Anthony Connolly – who died in Brixton more than three weeks ago – had Aids, but it is understood he was in contact with a carrier. Police say the Connolly family is traumatized: "All they want to do is bury their son." Yesterday Detective Inspector Peter Elcock told me the workers are obeying a directive from Southwark Borough Council. "The man may have died from natural causes", he said. "Until we get a post mortem, we will carry on treating this as a murder inquiry. If we charge someone with the murder and we cannot get a post mortem, how can we argue certain points in law?" Southwark refuses to speak to *The Times*.

El Jonesville

Following the example of Nigeria and Brazil, Argentina is planning to move its capital to the middle of nowhere. I can reveal that President Alfonsin wants to move his governmentto the heart of the Patagonian wastelands in the Rio Negro valley. In a desperate Keynesian bid to expand the economy, Alfonsin is also determined to cultivate more land in this region, where there are 5,000 people of Welsh descent, includihg *innumerable Joneses*, whose forebears left the valleys in Victorian times. The £3 billion project, which should be completed by 1989, has met with some domestic disapproval, according to influential sources. "He must be stark staring bonkers," I am told.

BARRY FANTONI



"I've just signed him up for Rambo Goes Picking Flowers"

Outlaw

oor Lord Whitelaw. Doing his bit or the Tory party's West Derbyhire by-election campaign, he ropped into the village of 'oulgreave. After buying a haggis, e dropped in on the third irthday party celebrations of a lub for housebound pensioners. hey were not in the least imressed by his impromptu visit. nd two nurses politely told him o. Reading the situation with the ict of a true statesman, the eputy PM departed into the ouring rain.

War and pieces

esterday's publication of Nikolai olstoy's book, *The Minister and he Massacres*, which claims that larold Macmillan played a big art in the handing over after the ar of 400,000 Cossacks and hite Russians to the Soviet nion, is not quite the event its ublishers hoped. At the request f *The Observer*, which planned a ajor feature on Sunday, review opies were held back until the eekend. Then at the last moment ie feagure was withdrawn on gal advice. Similar legal fears esterday persuaded both Radio 's *Today* and the London roadcasting Company not to roadcast interviews with Tolstoy. BC I's *Breakfast Time* cancelled planned interview. Last night, olstoy professed himself puzed: "No one has ever threatened sue me for anything I have ritten." Donald Trelford, editor f *The Observer*, told me its ature had been held out because, addition to legal worries, the uthor was uneasy about Tolstoy's esis.

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When prices fall, so can banks

Tim Congdon suggests a disturbing topic for next week's Tokyo economic summit

Price stability is *universally* recognized to be a desirable economic objective. But no one should believe that falling prices are a good thing.

Startling though it may seem after a generation of continuous inflation, major industrial nations *will this year record declines in* their main price indices. At the annual economic summit, due to start in Tokyo on Sunday, a new item on the agenda should be how to stop the price falls being repeated in future.

The change in international price trends can be observed in two ways. The first is to watch the behaviour of producer or wholesale price indices, which can be roughly equated with the price of goods at factory gates; the second is to follow consumer or retail price indices, broadly equivalent to shop prices but also including such items as fuel bills, local taxes and rents. In general, producer prices are more volatile and reflect market conditions more swiftly than consumer prices.

As so often, Japan is the world leader in the new pattern. In February its wholesale price index *was 6.3 per cent lower than a year* earlier, by far the largest fall since the 1950s. Consumer prices have not yet declined, but the increase over the past 12 months is down to only 1 per cent. In West Germany the slide in wholesale prices has been less dramatic, but the news on consumer prices is more striking. *Their index* was just 0.1 per cent higher in March 1986 than in March 1985.

In the United States the producer price index has fallen heavily in each of the last three months, bringing the change in the year to March to minus 1.3 per cent. However, the consumer price index still registers an increase of over 2 per cent. Outside the three big economies there have been few actual declines in price indices, but typically inflation rates are lower than at any time since the late 1960s.

Recent developments are remarkable enough, but they could be overshadowed in coming months by even greater disinflation. The full impact of the collapse in oil prices has still to be felt. The drop in the oil price since December, which amounts to over 50 per cent in dollar terms, is even greater – more than 70 per cent – in terms of deutschmark or yen because of their appreciation against the dollar.

Moreover, a recent slump in non-oil commodity prices deserves at least as much attention as oil. The index of commodity futures prices compiled by the American-based Commodity Research Bureau, one of the most widely-quoted and comprehensive available, fell from 229.1 (1967 = 100) on January 2 to 203 *on April 17* – or by over 10 per cent. Again, because of currency movements the implied drop in commodity prices for West Germany and Japan is far greater.

The latest tumble in commodity prices will percolate, through factories, wholesalers and distributors, into the shops this summer and autumn. It is realistic to envisage producer price indices in the three largest industrial countries reporting 12-month declines of 5 per cent or more and consumer price indices falls of 2 to 3 per cent. Such numbers would be unprecedented since the world depression of the 1930s.

The obvious questions to ask *against this background* are, "Have governments in the leading nations taken their campaign against inflation too far?" and, "Is *there a serious danger of a* cumulative deflationary spiral in the late 1980s?" These questions need to be asked and taken seriously in Tokyo.

The usual answer is a complacent one. According to prevailing wisdom, too much knowledge, experience and understanding have accumulated over the past 50 years for falls in the price level to persist for any length of time. As monetary growth remains positive *in all countries, and as the price* level is ultimately determined by monetary forces, the declining prices of 1986 are an aberration. The medium-term prospect is a continuation of mild inflation.

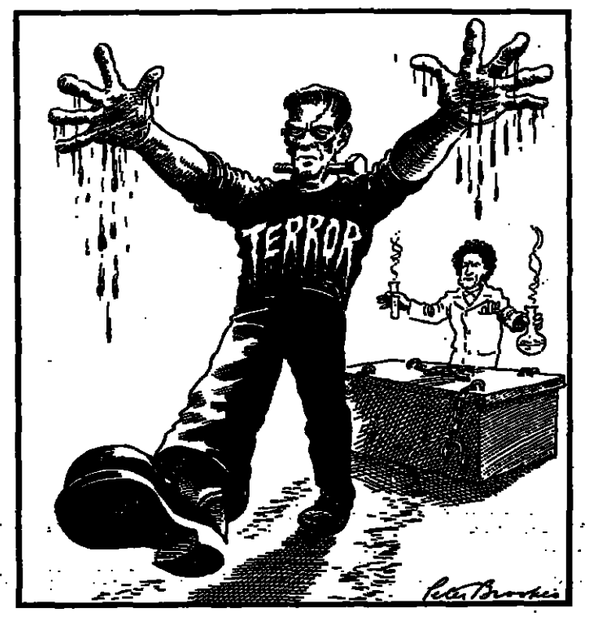
This view is probably correct. It is nevertheless necessary, if only to help comparison with the past, to consider what might precipitate a self-feeding deflationary process. In the US of the 1930s the main mechanism of destruction was a fall in prices which ruined overborrowed companies, leaving banks with excessive loan losses and forcing them out of business. The flow of new bank credit seized up, the money supply contracted and a further round of price falls ensued.

Nothing as dramatic has happened in the mid-1980s – so far, at any rate. All the same, the reverses suffered by commodity producers in the first quarter of this year are worrying. They have led, just as similar developments did more than 50 years ago, to an increasing number of bank failures in the USA and elsewhere.

As long as the monetary authorities in the major countries are able to prevent strains in the financial system interrupting the smooth growth of credit and money, there is nothing to fear. One theme of the Tokyo summit is certain to be the need for lower interest rates to promote stronger economic activity in the second half of 1986 and 1987. Significant actual and prospective falls in the major countries' price indices *argue that moves towards cheaper* money should err on the side of being large and rash, rather than small and cautious.

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Robert Fisk reports on Libyan action against Palestinian terrorist cells



Why Gadaffi must chain the monster

Tripoli

The Palestinians in Libya's capital discovered that things were not quite the same any more when a squad of plain-clothed security police turned up at their dingy offices three days after the American air raid. The policemen, all armed with pistols and sub-*machineguns, calmly walked into* the converted apartment and in front of the astonished Palestinian leadership in Libya – all of whom vow undying friendship with Colonel Gadaffi – tore out all the telephone lines.

A week later, the denizens of these grubby offices, with their crude, spray-painted nameplates and faded martyrs' photographs, were invited to meet Brigadier *Abu Bakr Younis Jabr*, the commander-in-chief of the Libyan armed forces. They received a lecture not only on the necessity of *closer ties with the Soviet Union*, but also on strict new economic measures which Libya plans to take in the near future.

Normally, the Palestinian groups in Tripoli – the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, its splinter group, the PFLP General Command of Ahmed Jibril, the Democratic Front, Saiqa, and the Palestinian Salvation Front –deal with Abdul-Salam Jalloud, Gadaffi's deputy, but their status has undergone a transition. They have received veiled warnings that their funds may be cut back for economic reasons, and they are clearly no longer trusted.

In theory, Jalloud remains the "co-ordinator" of the Palestinian movements within Tripoli. But Colonel Gadaffi's personal control over the "General Arab Comm*and" – the 55-man* umbrella group which comprises all the more extreme Palestinians, including Abu Nidal's brutal organization – is now in dispute.

The colonel claimed earlier this year that he made the decisions in the Arab Command: now the Salvation Front says this is no longer true.

In their apartments above the Kuwait Airlines office in Tripoli, the Palestinians are experiencing the same sort of uncertainty that Libyans themselves feel in the aftermath of the American air raids, as the almost moribund revolutionary council reasserts itself as a collective leadership under Gadaffi.

The military officers in the council – in effect a junta that includes Gadaffi –have been rearranging their responsibilities, *permitting trusted men from* the "People's Congresses" a greater share of power, trying to exert firmer control over the revolutionary cadres whose exclusive loyalty to Gadaffi had helped Libya towards its confrontation with the US.

The struggle between pragmatists and theorists in the leadership has been going on for at least four years. It is a conflict between administrators (even leaders of the People's Congresses) who understand the working of a modern state and its dependence on a stable economy, and those *militia* men – the praetorian guard of Gadaffi's revolutionary committees – whose allegiance has always been to his concept of a revolutionary, anti-Western society.

Just as the revolutionary committees took literally all that Gadaffi told them, so, too, they had become the driving force of all social and political change in the Jamahariya, the country's popular movement. It was the committees which were injected into the regular army to ensure its loyalty to Gadaffi. It was the committees which, more than four years ago, started to transform Libya's diplomatic missions into the dubious People's Bureaux, which could hire mercenaries, plot the liquidation of political opponents abroad and indulge in the sort of skullduggery that transformed a diplomatic passport into a gangster's identity card.

As the committees were Gadaffi's creation, only he could impose discipline upon them, and an obedience which was often enforced too late or not at all. Typical of this were the developments which followed the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the London People's Bureau in 1984. When the expelled Libyan "diplomats" arrived back in Tripoli they were given a hero's welcome on national television and, next day, received a perfunctory audience with Gadaffi himself.

Much less public events, however, occurred some three months later when Libyan security police, apparently acting on Gadaffi's orders, reportedly arrested at least four of the former London officials at their homes in the early hours and summarily executed them. Yvonne Fletcher's killer is said to have been among them.

It was, similarly, a revolutionary committee, attached to the Interior Ministry, which arrested the four British hostages who were eventually released with the help of Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy. What was not realized at the time was that Gadaffi encountered so much difficulty in persuading the committee to free the Britons that he called upon the regular army to force the revolutionary cadres to do so.

It was a revolutionary committee in Benghazi that kidnapped the Italian bishop of Tripoli on April 10 and it was a revolutionary committee that controlled the Libyan satellite station these past two weeks, censoring foreign television film of bomb-damage scenes that had already been passed by government authorities.

Thus the duality of control continued right through the traumatic events of the past fortnight, only to be brought up sharply by the sudden demand for self-criticism in the newspaper of the revolutionary committees ("We must find out who ran away and who stayed at their post," it said) and by a broadening of responsibility within the revolutionary council. Now Dr Muftaha *Omar, the general secretary of the* People's Congresses, has become a principal adviser to the Libyan leadership, bringing a pragmatic *mind to bear on an increasingly* chaotic regime.

In Washington, any idea that Gadaffi's personal power has been reduced is an attractive one. Was not the American air attack intended to "teach Gadaffi a lesson"? Certainly the darkening *economic forecasts for Libya* have forced Gadaffi's colleagues to apply their minds to realities rather than revolutionary fantasies. Food queues can damage the body politic of Libya every bit as much as a 500 lb bomb.

Yet it is significant that it was the European sanctions against Libya that appeared to affect most deeply the working of the regime. The possibility is that Libya may, after all, not have any friends left around the Mediterranean, let alone in the rest of the world.

The word in Tripoli is that Gadaffi has now been made to realize this, and to understand the perils of so blithely permitting small revolutionary groups – be they his own followers or the Palestinian organizations which he has for so long espoused – to make absolute, individual decisions. The White House could take some satisfaction from this, were it not for the fact that enormous political damage has been sustained elsewhere in the *Middle East as a result of the* American raids.

But the coming days and weeks will prove whether the military rulers of Libya can maintain their new control; can, in the words of one diplomat, "sit on" Gadaffi's propensity for rhetoric and bombast. Jalloud would be a key figure in such a success – he was allegedly Libya's secret emissary to Egypt last week – and so would Gadaffi's old personal friend Commandant Hweldi Al-Hamedi, the deputy chief of staff.

There has been no coup d'état in Libya; nor is there likely to be. But even the Jamahariya, so isolated on the Mediterranean, can suffer a sea-change.

Myself, I'd usually rather be me

What song the Syrens sang is not a puzzling question at all, old Thos Browne, when you think about it. It must have been the well-known *hymn*, "Rock *of Aegeus*". That was a joke. I have just invented a type-face, like *italics* but leaning backwards, called ironics, to indicate that a joke is being attempted, and to ask thick readers with no sense of humour not to write in with questions or suggestions.

I have a new word that is worth keeping your eyes and ears open for. It is "schemant"; and it means somebody who is being instructed in a Youth Training Scheme. On Radio 4 the other day I heard a moving talk about the advantages *of being a schemant, in which the* word occurred *passim*.

There is no need to turn purple and protest, Sir. It is a natural piece of official jargon that is shorter and simpler than saying or writing in full every time, "a young person, male or female, *who qualifies under the Act and is* being instructed on a Youth *Training Scheme*". You are allowed to complain that it sounds ugly and is incorrectly derived from its original Greek root. But *make sure that you are not* complaining just because it is new; and remember that judgements about what sounds ugly are subjective. *There is an obvious linguistic* need for such a noun. If you can invent a better and more euphonious one, introduce it.

And here is a grammatical as opposed to a lexical novelty. Have you noticed the remarkable vogue for reflexive personal pronouns: the ones ending in -self? We say and write "myself" and "yourself" all the time, where a few years ago the simple subject and object pronouns, I, me, and you, etc, were correct and all that were required. What are we up to? Is this a concession to Irish practice? Do we think that "me" *tout court* sounds a bit common? Are we trying to be genteel? I think we should be told.

Your reflexive pronouns are *rare and sensitive beasts in the* linguistic jungle. Some of them, such as the very rare "royal we" singular reflexive "ourself", should be used only if you are sure you are entitled to them.

In the classic grammar of English, reflexive pronouns have two distinct uses: the basic, and the emphatic. In the basic use the *reflexive pronoun stands in for the* object of a sentence or clause, and refers back reflexively to the subject. He saw himself in the *mirror. In* "He saw *him in the* mirror", the "him" necessarily refers to some chap other than the one doing the seeing. She saw herself in the *mirror*; but she could not, by any stretch of grammar or unsexist language, see himself in the mirror. Help yourselves! is grammatical. Help ourselves! or Help themselves! is disconcerting and ungrammatical.

Some verbs, called reflexive verbs, always take a reflexive object. "She always prides herself on her academic background." "She prides her on her academic background" sounds like some Mummerset dialect in the Archers.

The second conventional use of reflexive pronouns is to emphasize, in apposition to a noun or pronoun, and with heavy stress. Unlike the basic reflexive pronouns, they can float around their clauses. I myself wouldn't eat that. I wouldn't eat that myself. Myself, I wouldn't eat that. Do you mean to say that you had cocktails with the Queen herself?

When the reflexive comes first, *referring forward to something* that is to come, it is usually in a literary context. "Oneself did not die; that, like the very quiddity of *otherness, was for others*" (Burgess).

Today there is a vogue for using reflexive pronouns instead of the plain subject or object pronouns. I think this is an exaggeration of the emphatic use, intended to give artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing interview on the telly or column in the blats. Sometimes it is not merely irritating, but also ungrammatical, and erodes the language.

Philip Howard

Digby Anderson

Academe's pact with the devil

As the universities await the May announcement of reductions in state funding, the medical faculties face a problem that neatly illustrates the impasse confronting enterprising and responsible university members.

Their problem is not that portrayed in the much-publicized whines of their unenterprising and irresponsible colleagues about "cuts" and government "interference". It is that the government is both reducing their state funding and interfering with their entrepreneurial attempts to win funds from other sources.

Universities have been hit hard *by the cuts because they have* allowed themselves to become dependant on one source of funds. They have consented to a Faustian pact in which they mortgaged their independence and integrity for easy political money (up to 80 per cent of funds).

Now, with pressure on public spending, that source is being marginally reduced. And even worse, Mephistopheles is demanding his side of the bargain – *interference and centralization. In* the process, the University Grants Committee has ceased to be a buffer between state and universities and become a controlling bureaucracy, an arm of government.

In a sense this centralization – not to mince words, nationalization – of higher education is quite justified. So much public money surely should be tightly overseen. And so long as the hand-outs are *so high, the possibility of political* interference remains high, irrespective of election results.

Fortunately there are academics and university administrators who don't want a second mortgage, and are even prepared to pay off some of the first to regain their independence. But Mephistopheles is not that easily sent packing, as they are finding out. Following the suggestions of the government that they sell spare course capacity to overseas customers *at economic fees*, the medical schools have prepared to market their courses, which are admired world-wide and in high demand. They have targeted certain markets, especially those of Hong Kong and Malaysia. Has the government *praised them, helped them, held* them up as a model to some of their hand-out-dependent colleagues? No, it has stopped them.

There are already restrictions on the number of home students the schools can take. These have resulted in spare capacity in the schools which they wish to fill with overseas students and thus generate significant income. But the government is now restricting overseas student intake as well, to a mere 5 per cent of total medical students outside London and 2.5 per cent in the capital. For all the London medical schools, that is 30 students a year, less than half the number traditionally accepted. The funds the government is stopping the schools earning are substantial: if London took as few as 100 overseas students a year, their fees would pay for another 100 senior clinical staff who would be available to teach UK students and to service the NHS hospitals.

The medical schools' deans dispute government arguments that reasonable numbers of overseas students would burden the NHS. Even if they did so minimally, there is nothing to stop the NHS also charging them.

The other government argument is that the overseas students *will seek pre-registration posts* here after their course and disrupt the planning of doctor numbers. But it could be made clear to the students on acceptance that pre-registration posts here would not be available. Advantageous and more relevant arrangements could be made in their own countries.

The medical academics and administrators are not the only ones who are enterprising and responsible. There are many others, such as the more or less fully independent University of Buckingham, highly successful (and successfully publicized) Salford, the LSE and the Open University, which have some staff who have responded – enthusiastically, reluctantly or of necessity – to the challenge.

But if state-dependent universities are to diversify their funding they must be *freed* to do so. The overseas student example, though *important to the medical schools*, is a modest initiative. Brian Griffiths, until recently dean of the City University business school, has proposed a much more radical move to non-government funding for postgraduate vocational courses in business studies, law and engineering. But it cannot happen unless universities are allowed to charge competitive fees, pay locally-negotiated staff rates, hire and fire and compete on course duration.

That means the state removing the restrictions that bind them and breaking up the state-endorsed university cartel by dismantling tenure and stopping the UGC's restrictive powers on such matters as fees.

The medical school moral is that just as freedom entails responsiblity, so neither individuals nor institutions can be expected to be responsible for themselves unless they are free to manage themselves. To the extent that universities take responsiblity for their affairs, they should be left free to run them. If this modest initiative is obstructed by a supposedly market-oriented government, what chance is there for a move to less public funding and more university independence?

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Lofty view from Bradley Vale

Next month's by-election at Bradley Vale *(writes our Next Month's By-election Correspondent)* could prove the most vital for the government since the last one. Bradley Vale is a typical constituency of the kind that the Tories must win if they are to stay in power, that Labour must take if they are to win the next election, and that the SDP must win if they are to have any chance of survival.

So, whichever way you look at it, two of our major parties are doomed to vanish in the next month, which is good news whichever way you look at it again.

Roughly half of Bradley Vale is set in a northern industrial hinterland, derelict and depressed, with unemployment at roughly 27 per cent, though nobody knows of what. Conditions are so bad here that of the 14 Mori pollsters who have gone into the area, only three have come back. The other half of the constituency is rich farming, shooting and subsidy country, so traditional that the Tory party is regarded as being suspiciously leftish. The two halves are separated by a well-to-do belt of planners, accountants and architects, who spend most of the time converting each other's attics into granny flats. They are thought to be SDP to a person.

Bradley Vale was won by the Tories in 1979 from Labour, who won it in 1945 from the Conservatives, who first won it in 1807 at a game of dice from old Lord Bradley Vale. The Tory majority is only 727, which makes the seat distinctly winnable, though it is probably true to say that the *Tories must retain it if they are to* win the next . . . hold on, I've done that bit. Carry on to the next paragraph about local politics.

Local politics are bound to play a very important part in the by-election battle, as Libya, Westland and the Suez crisis have made little impact up here. The council is controlled at the moment by a small SDP minority, whose chief contribution has been to relax local regulations concerning loft conversions. Many people feel this is not enough and this may well be reflected at the polls next month. Or not, as the case may be, as I only arrived here last night and am writing this at breakfast, it is difficult to say with any accuracy.

All three main candidates are agreed to be very strong. All are local men with deep roots in the community and all are very popular, which makes it a very hard constituency to write about, because one does like to have at least one candidate who is a wally, but I suppose you can't have everything. The Labour man is a local trade unionist, Roy Fisher; the Tory, Jason Fisher, is a well-respected farmer and the SDP man, Dr Simon Fisher, is, as you might expect, a local doctor. All the receptionists at my hotel here agree that all three are very nice. The head waiter has his doubts about one of them, but he is not sure which.

Where this by-election differs from others is in the election addresses, which are unusually down-to-earth. Socialist Roy Fisher says, for instance: "If I am elected, I pledge myself to get to know Neil Kinnock very well, to make myself very useful to him *and ultimately end up as an aged* peer in the House of Lords. I am not a member of Militant."

The Tory manifesto is equally honest: "If elected, I pledge myself to stay up in London as much as possible and not bother people here in the constituency. I would make sure that I sat quite near a microphone in Parliament and made lots of 'Yah yah yah' noises when the opposition was speaking – and Mrs Thatcher too, come to that. I am not a member of Militant."

Social Democrat candidate Dr Fisher candidly states: "As your member of Parliament, I would naturally immediately become a shadow member of the SDP government, as we doctors like to stick together. I would also be able to put you in touch with the right man if any of you need your lofts converting, attics extended, etc, at a very reasonable price. I do not think I am a member of Militant."

A vital by-election, then, and one which every party must win if they are to have the slightest chance of retaining any credibility. All three candidates are confident of winning; they have all agreed to fight an honourable campaign. All have promised not to invite Tony Benn to speak – or Jeffrey Archer or Cyril Smith, come to that.

It is, in fact, a by-election totally devoid of any interest or excitement, but if anything should happen, I'll let you know. Your Correspondent, the Cocktail Bar, Bradley Arms Hotel, over and out. Another double, please, Jimmy.

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A CASE FOR POLITICAL WILL

Sir Keith Joseph has been a controversial Secretary of State for Education and Science who has strong, positive and generally sensible opinions about the nature of education and its current needs. Yet in practice he has too often been malleable at the hands of the vested intellectual interests which dominate educational thinking, and which are heavily entrenched in his own department.

He went to the DES favouring the adoption of the voucher system as a method of making state schools respond to parental opinion, by bringing them into competition with each other and with the independent sector. But he did not succeed in getting his officials to come up with a viable scheme that credibly implemented the spirit of the idea. Political will was lacking.

Sir Keith has done much to remedy shortcomings in the curriculum and, above all, he has focussed attention on the need for pupils to leave school with some objective test of their attainments — instead of with no qualifications at all. But the fundamental questions about education in Britain remain unanswered, and since Sir Keith is generally expected to leave his department in a reshuffle this autumn, he has cannot have time to initiate radical new start thinking on education. There is now increasing support among senior Conservatives for the idea that he should go before the autumn. Who, then, should it take his place?

The choice should fall on someone who approaches the problem unambiguously from the position that the more schools are obliged to respond to parental choice, the more effective they will be. On that basis Mrs Thatcher would be right not to give the department to its present Minister of State, Mr Chris Patten, the candidate the department itself would most like. He is an enthusiastic minister who minds about the subject, but his own approach seems insuficiently differentiated from the educational orthodoxies which have got education where it now is.

At the other end of the opinion scale is Dr Rhodes Boyson, the candidate of a significant number of Conservative MPs. Dr Boyson knows about education as a remarkably successful and popular headmaster of a London comprehensive school who fought against many of the educational fashions which led to a loss of standards in the Sixties.

However, although Mrs Thatcher seems to share his opinions, he was promoted not within the DES, but sideways to Social Security and then to Northern Ireland. Mrs Thatcher, while recognizing his opinions as diamond-sharp, may think him somewhat too rough a diamond in style for her taste. If that is so, the odds are against his succeeding Sir Keith.

That appears to leave such possibilities, if current Westminister talk means anything, as Mr Kenneth Clarke, the employment minister (whose approach would probably not be far from Mr Patten's); Mr Geoffrey Pattie, the information technology minister, a highly efficient politician who is said to be keenly interested but whose educational opinions are little known; Mr John Wakeham, the chief whip who is also said to want the Cabinet job and would no doubt seek to be sensitive to current opinion; and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Minister (already in the Cabinet) of whom Mrs Thatcher has a very high opinion.

Not least interesting is the idea of amalgamating education, training and employment under Lord Young, the present Employment Secretary. On the face of it, the last would seem an attractive solution. If education is not sufficiently geared to training, would it not make sense to put it under the hand of a Minister whose special experience has been in training for skills and jobs?

But the snags outweigh the advantages. There is some danger of creating too large a ministry, although hiving off the benefits side of the Employment Department to the Department of Social Security might prevent this. But a major shake-up of ministries is something a prudent Prime Minister will no doubt wish to avoid this side of a general election.

There is, finally, an objection in principle. Though better vocational training is a major British problem, planning and directing training and education into centrally chosen channels is open to the same objections as planning for production. The danger would be planning for the skills of today, whereas the real need is to produce a good basic education which assists learning and re-learning flexibly for the skills of tomorrow. The priority should be to get the schools themselves right first.

Of course, the personal strength of the minister appointed is important. But still more important are the ideas he brings to his task. Whoever it is should be a de-centraliser, not a centraliser. Nothing, including the school structure created by the fashions of the Sixties, should be ruled out. The Prime Minister should have her shopping list, or perhaps even a little verbal examination, to discover what ideas the candidates so busily lobbying would bring to the job before the appointment ia made. Simply wishing to have the job is not qualification enough.

A HARD ROAD FOR NATO

One good reason why the United States should replace its existing stocks of chemical weapons (or CW in the tepid acronymic jargon of defence-speak) is that these have been around since 1969 — when President Nixon halted production in the age of detente and Henry Kissinger. Their efficacy if not their safety must be now in some doubt. Another is that binary nerve gas munitions are easier and safer to store, and if one feels obliged to stock chemical weapons it is better that they should be both.

A third advantage is that Nato in general and the United States in particular would be sending a clear signal to the Soviet Union, of their determination to negotiate from strength, or at least not from weakness. One of the difficulties about agreeing a satisfactory ban on chemical weapons is that the Soviet Union has more of them and, judging from its exercise scenarios, places them rather higher in the order of military priorities.

Another difficulty has been the Russian reluctance to allow on-site inspection of their military installations. It is hard enough to monitor CW production anyway because of the relative ease with which it can be carried out. The opportunity to make on-the-spot inspections — anytime, anywhere — is the very least that should be asked for.

In his address to the East German party congress Mr.Gorbachov indicated that the Russians might be ready to accept this. Perhaps it was the expectation of a new generation of American CW which pushed the Soviet leader in the right direction? In that case it would seem wise for the United States to press ahead, to ensure that he doesn't do a U-turn. The 40-nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva has some way yet to go.

It is important that the conference does pursue its objective — and does not find its progress impeded by the West. Chemical weapons provoke feelings of outrage which to the military mind may seem irrational. Memories of the First World War and knowledge of the capacity of modern nerve gases for sudden mass extermination combine to generate this fear. It is nonetheless real — and understandable.

The use of chemical weapons was actually banned by the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and despite occasional aberrations its signatories have abided (for whatever reason) by its terms. It is the progress to a ban on the production and stockpiling of such weapons which has proved so arduous. But the objective has always looked attainable — particularly since the1972 ban on germ weapons.

Nato's approach to the development of binary CW has so far been restrained. Yesterday the Defence Review Committee of senior officials approved the American programme, but only in respect of munitions which are stored in the United States itself — in peacetime anyway. Defence ministers are expected to endorse this decision next month.

So far so good. It is a sensitive subject and insensitive policies could easily prove counter-productive. There are military, political and economic arguments why the programme should go ahead — but to present them to a European public will need time and patience. Nato has the capacity of Wells Fargo to ride into trouble — and emerge, with two wheels wobbling, still on course. But it will need to proceed with particular caution on this path.

BUT WHO PROSECUTES THE POLLUTERS?

Mr Roy Watts of the Thames Water Authority has successfully wooed ministers and public. He is acclaimed as a businessman intent on bringing the disciplines of the marketplace to the purification and supply of water. Water, in the Watts view, is no more or less a commodity to be produced and delivered by maximizing price and minimizing cost. So far, provided his monopoly is regulated, so good.

But Thames Water is not in the business merely of delivering potable water and disposing of sewage. It has specific tasks of safeguarding waterways and environments for public use and enjoyment. It is entrusted with largely unseen work of detecting and prosecuting infringements of an elaborate code of environmental protection.

The Government's thinking to date has been in terms of a light regulatory regime, akin to that for British Telecom, to impose standards on the quality of the water delivered, and to control the price charged. But even before the publication of the white paper there was a nagging worry that a small Office of Water Services would not be enough.

On the filter beds owned by Thames Water nest herons. Along its river banks sit potential polluters, agricultural and industrial. The authority will be required to monitor the activites of other private sector enterprises, including farmers, and where necessary initiate legal proceedings against them. This is strange territory for the likes of Mr.Watt. What incentive does he have to pursue dumpers of nitrates and slurry into the water course? Where is the profit in those heron nests?

Enter — yesterday — Mr John Patten, concerned to emulate his colleagues at the Department of the Environment in their courting of the green vote. Ministers are to step forward with national policies on the quality of river and estuarial waters; new "protection zones" are to be established; the green acres of reservoir and wetland are to be closely watched. But the work of environmental protection, the Government seems to be saying in its new green paper, remains Mr Watts' business. He will even be allowed to charge above the odds in order to finance it.

Is this fair on Mr Watts? The Government cannot expect him to doff the poacher's cap one minute in order to don the keeper's the next. There really is little profit for him in active prosecution of customers and private sector colleagues who are in default of environmental provisions.

The remedy is plain. Mr Watts should be allowed to do what he claims he does well. In parallel a direct agency of public purpose should be empowered to undertake the work of environmental regulation. It would be charged with monitoring and assessing the activities of the water companies. It might be an enhanced Office of Water Services. It might be funded by a levy on water company profits. It might a separate outfit, specifically charged with the control of pollution and water uses beyond household and industrial consumption. Its effect would be to make Mr Watts' life a little more difficult. The public good requires no less.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charities facing a taxation trap

From Mr John Smith

Sir, I am sure the public does not realise the scope or effect of the proposed new taxes on charity.

The Finance Bill now before Parliament divides charities into classes. All grant-making charities, and some others, will in future be "indirect" charities. If more than a quarter of *any* charity's funds comes from a wide range of sources set out in the Bill — some of them very common sources, such as rents — then the charity is a "private" charity. If a charity turns out to be both a "private" and an "indirect" charity then it is to be taxed *on its receipts* (not just on its income and capital gains).

Many well-known charities will be very surprised to find themselves taxed. Moreover, because of the complex and interlocking conditions in the Bill, some charities will not know, in any particular period, whether they have become liable to tax until it is too late for them to do anything about it; and some charities will find themselves unwittingly made liable to tax by the action (also unwitting) of others over whom they have no control.

All charities will be at risk, either directly or through loss of support from grant-making trusts. The uncertainty will injure them further. The public and all beneficiaries will suffer.

In addition, charities which have arranged their affairs in good faith, but now fall foul of this legislation, cannot remedy matters because the effect of the tax is retrospective.

The group of five charities which I run employs about 300 people, half of them in areas of high unemployment; and we give employment to many more people indirectly. In 25 years we have carried out or supported nearly 1,000 different charitable projects. Unless clause 39 of the Finance Bill is drastically amended we cannot meet our obligations and must wind up.

I do not know at what abuse the Government is aiming, but it is quite wrong to open fire at it like this indiscriminately and in so doing maim a lot of innocent bystanders. Does the Government really want to kill the goose which I (and many others) seem to have been all these years?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SMITH (Principal trustee),
The Landmark Trust,
21 Dean's Yard,
Westminster, SW1.
April 26.

Polytechnic places

From Lord Adrian, FRS

Sir, It is surely beyond dispute that an advanced industrial country like the United Kingdom needs young people educated at universities and polytechnics.

The Government, though it may believe that there is surplus provision in some subjects, has yet to produce sustainable arguments to show that in the next five years the overall output of the tertiary *education system will exceed national needs*, nor has it convinced either the National Advisory Body or the University Grants Committee that further significant savings are to be had by increases in efficiency.

As a consequence both the NAB responsible for polytechnics and the UGC responsible for universities have been forced by their constrained resources to consider, *on the one hand, reducing the* number of places at polytechnics and, on the other, closure of universities which would not otherwise deserve closure. To do either would appear misguided for a country which hopes to compete in the industrial world of the twenty-first century.

It has been argued that only by squeezing the tertiary system financially will its collective mind be sufficiently concentrated to achieve what the Government sees as necessary changes. But we must recognize that a financial squeeze, long maintained, is just as likely to produce a serious decline in output and standards as it is to produce renewed educational utility.

The tertiary sector cannot indefinitely maintain its output on progressively reduced resources, let alone increase it. The question which a skilful leadership should be asking is not whether, but when to relax the squeeze in order to encourage the positive changes which already are taking place.

I suggest that if any such relaxation is to come, and come it must if we are to avoid a reduction in what the tertiary education sector can contribute to national manpower needs, it would produce better value for money if it came before rather than after closing institutions on grounds of immediate economy. Such closures can only reduce our output of trained young people — and such a reduction must be an indictment of the effect, if not the intent, of Government policies.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN,
House of Lords.
April 25.

From the Principal of Slough College of Higher Education

Sir, Grim as your report (April 8) is on the axing of polytechnic places, there is yet worse.

The shortfall of £23m in funding for 1987-88 will indeed lead to *a loss of thousands of places for* full-time students. But it will also inevitably mean serious cuts in places for part-time students who are in employment.

The National Advisory Body is trying to provide some protection for part-time students, but at the polytechnics and at many colleges throughout the country employers and employees are going to find either that the course they need *will be closed, or that the places on* it are all full.

The Government is supporting the Manpower Services Commission in developing an Adult Training Strategy. Nobody doubts that there is an urgent economic need to increase the upgrading of skills and the retraining of workforces. Our colleges and polytechnics are exactly placed to do just this and it is cockeyed to be stopping them.

Yours faithfully,
K. SWINHOE, Principal,
Slough College of Higher Education,
Wellington Street,
Slough,
Berkshire.

Begging to differ on violent crime

From Councillor John Blackman

Sir, One reads a report (April 24) of the Lord Chancellor's speech in the House of Lords concerning crimes of violence with an effort to contain a seething mixture of incredulity and rage.

It seems that if the "public is deeply concerned about crime" the Lord Chancellor is not. Comforted it seems by soothing statistics, he claims that figures demonstrate that violent crime, while deplorable, was not increasing more than any other crime and was relatively rare. Perhaps I may suggest he takes a walk alone after dark in certain towns and cities of this country and proves to his own satisfaction just how "relatively rare" it is.

Those who are wafted from appointment to appointment and rarely venture on foot through the town at night have little idea as to what is really happening. Those who are obliged to because they live there have other tales to tell.

Violence exists in our society in such a way as to terrify and intimidate those who are forced by circumstances to live and remain in these bleak areas. It spills over into quiet residential areas of towns and villages and is getting progressively worse.

We face a bleak and terrifying future. If nothing can be done to reduce this scourge then please don't insult us by quoting absurd platitudes. Statistics, Lord Chancellor, are dangerous to our health.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BLACKMAN,
(Deputy Mayor of Brighton),
Priorscroft.
1 Saltdean Drive,
Brighton,
East Sussex.
April 25.

Prisons dilemma

From Mr J. W. Fox

Sir, David Walker's article, "Why prison sentences face a full stop" (April 19), provides a clear diagnosis of the current problem in prisons. The key to the prognosis that he outlines is the unholy alliance of what he calls the "liberal critics and the financial hawks". An exact parallel can be seen in the fate of community homes with education, known before their Home Office handover as approved schools.

I would remind prison officers that whether they are committed to the welfare of their charges, young or old, and to helping them back into society rather than pushing them into its fringes does not matter. What matters in the end is whether or not somebody is prepared to put up the money.

David Walker neatly summarises the forthcoming Cabinet dilemma: the rhetoric of harsh sentences is not going to be matched by financial provision. I just hope the prisoners and prison officers don't suffer while the Cabinet make up their minds.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. FOX,
33 Farmers Drive,
Westfields,
Brackley,
Northamptonshire.
April 19.

How long, O Lord?

From Mr David Selman

Sir, What is the optimum duration of an organ voluntary?

On St George's Day, driving through the Chilterns, I listened to the choral evensong broadcast of Parry's "Fantasia and Fugue in E". It lasted from the Hughenden Valley, through High Wycombe and on to The Crown at Littlewick Green, a distance of some twelve miles!

Was *this a record, or simply* mismanagement on the part of Lichfield cathedral?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SELMAN,
49 Beech Lane, Earley,
Reading, Berkshire.

Still, small voice

From the Reverend Alan Amos

Sir, Ludovic Kennedy (feature, April 19) acclaims "the still, small voice within" us but in doing so lobs some unnecessary shots at the wrong targets.

How unfair to accuse Gerard Manley Hopkins of unbalanced pronouncements about God transcendent! Kennedy quotes, "The world is filled with the grandeur of God", but does not persevere with the poem to discover "there lives the dearest freshness deep down things". Hopkins, surely, was one of the most tender-hearted of English poets.

It was also a bit much to refer in a cavalier way to the message of *the Old Testament. After all, it is* at the heart of the Hebrew Scriptures that we find "the still small voice" which Kennedy so values (1 Kings XIX, 19, 12) and Martin Buber's spirituality springs from that tradition.

So more of that still small voice, please — and a few less stray arrows!

Yours faithfully,
ALAN AMOS,
Westcott House,
Jesus Lane,
Cambridge.
April 19.

Ancient and modern

From Mr B. F. Cook

Sir, The Croydon schoolgirls who are reported by the Equal Opportunities Commission to be shy of computers (report, April 25) might be encouraged by my experience.

My department having recently acquired a computer, I find myself acquiring a totally new skill. When I get stuck with the database, I turn for help to my youngest research assistant (some 30 years my junior) and she puts me right.

Yours faithfully,
B. F. COOK,
Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities,
The British Museum,
Bloomsbury, WC1.

A lawyer's worth

From Mrs John E. H. Olivier

Sir, As a poor headmistress trying *to do her best in trying times*, I wearily registered your letter from a lawyer (April 22) comparing his rate for the job with those of his plumber and (private) doctor. If you *are* running a "Derisory Payment of the Year Award", may I enter my head of chemistry (good honours degree, postgraduate qualification and years of experience)? For 1½ hours' work she is paid 70p for assessing one A level candidate's examination work.

Yes, Mr Marmorstein, *res ipsa loquitur* indeed.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN S. R. OLIVIER,
Lady Margaret School,
Parson's Green, SW6.
April 23.

A woman's place

From Mr D. J. Yarwood

Sir, You reported (April 23) that Oxford City Council are considering funding the construction of a new centre in the city for the exclusive use of women, including library and counselling services. Would someone please tell me why the provision of such exclusive facilities for one sex, without equivalent facilities for the other, by a local authority, is not regarded as a breach of the Sex Discrimination Act, which, as everyone must by now know, requires equal treatment of men and women in the provision of facilities and services?

Yours faithfully,
D. J. YARWOOD,
Constables,
Windsor Road,
Ascot,
Berkshire.

Liberals and hunting

From Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Hill (Liberal)

Sir, In the light of Mr Peter Chegwyn's letter (April 22) I should like to make it clear on behalf of the Parliamentary Liberal Party that there has been no change in its long established practice that issues such as hunting are not the subject of any party line or collective view.

They are regarded as conscience issues and individual Liberal MPs have always taken differing views on these questions. No doubt they will continue to do so.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ALTON,
House of Commons.

Sporting chances

From Mr Alfred Youngs

Sir, The report (April 24) by your football correspondent of the recent England v Scotland match refers to the bitter atmosphere, fuelled over 114 years, and also a flurry of brief but violent activity between the two sets of supporters. Stuart Jones reports that the ancient rivalry was no less bruising on the pitch.

George Orwell wrote in 1945 after an English tour by a Russian football team:

Now that the brief visit of the Dynamo football team has come to an end, it is possible to say that sport is an unfailing cause of ill-will and that if such a visit as this had any effect on Anglo-Soviet relations it could only be to make them slightly worse than before.

For this reason, I welcome the growth of municipal golf courses which, I believe, are free from violent rivalry; at least no evidence is known to me of one player "clubbing" another.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED YOUNGS,
39 Stephen Road,
Headington,
Oxford.
April 25.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 29 1897

For a decade anti-Turkish feeling had run high in Greece and in 1896 it was fuelled with attacks by Muslims on the Christians in Crete, which Greece had attempted to annex. After forays by Greek irregulars into Macedonia, Turkey declared war on April 17, 1897. Its organized, German-trained army soon proved superior to that of Greece, which was defeated in a short, humiliating campaign. The Times Correspondent was Edward Frederick Knight (1852-1925).

THE WAR.
THE GREEK RETREAT.

(Reuter's Special Service)
ATHENS, April 27.

I have been compelled by the course of events which I shall presently describe to return to Athens, and from here I now resume my narrative of my observation and experiences at the front . . .

My wagon had gone to Larissa, carrying despatches, so Lieutenant Western and I resolved to walk. Clearing Turnavo by midnight, we overtook the carriage of the correspondent of the *Illustrated London News*, in which I was offered a place. A mile further on we came up with the Greek infantry marching in straggling order. They were footsore and grimy from their four days' work in the trenches and rifle pits, and their long exposure to the shell fire of the enemy had been enough to unnerve more seasoned soldiers. The men marched in a silence which contrasted significantly with the incessant chattering in which the Greek soldiers usually indulge . . .

Sullenness had now given place to clamour and the disappointed and dispirited men forgot their weariness in imprecations against *their generals and officers. The* retreat had become a rout. Our carriage was picking its way slowly through the crowd of desperate men, crying women, and children, horses and donkeys overburdened and creeping at a snail's pace, or prancing in nervous fright, and I had just remarked to the correspondent of *The Times*, who had joined our carriage, having lost his horse and baggage, that the Greeks at the mouth of the Boughazi Pass seemed to be signalling to Larissa with the night heliograph, when, suddenly, above the din of the confused masses in the road and adjoining fields, there came a roar, sharpening into a fierce sustained yell, rolling with lighting speed from the distant rear . . .

In a few moments, above all the noise and shouting, could be distinguished prolonged cries of "The Turks are upon us." One had hardly time to realize what was happening when a dozen or more horsemen, accompanied by a few riderless steeds, appeared on the left at full gallop, shouting in a perfect frenzy, "Run, run; the Turks are here."

In a moment there was a stampede. The animals were lashed by the men. Women, children, and soldiers pell-mell made one mad rush forward. Many fell and were trampled *to death. Vehicles* of every description were overturned, mixing together in inextricable confusion bedding, furniture, ammunition, horses, donkeys, oxen, buffaloes, in the depths of the black night.

At the side of our carriage two infantry soldiers appeared, their faces blanched with terror. They jumped on the step. When we tried to keep them out one levelled his rifle. Then suddenly their weight overbalanced the vehicle, which overturned and was smashed to pieces, all the occupants, including *The Times* Correspondent and myself, being thrown out. My leg was pinned down by the broken timbers, but I somehow managed to release it and join *The Times* Correspondent. All the others had disappeared in the darkness . . .

I had been through the battle of the Shipka Pass and in the hottest part of the fighting at Plevna, but never before had I witnessed such wild firing as now took place . . .

Keeping together, *The Times* Correspondent and myself got into the roadside ditch, but we had only walked slowly forward a short distance when we were thrown down by a rush from behind.

When I regained my feet, after being trampled upon by scores of fugitives, an irregular who was rushing past suddenly turned and, deliberately raising his rifle within three inches of my head, fired. Just in time I ducked and fell, thus saving my life . . .

In this maddened crowd I struggled on for several miles. Some of the Greek officers, I know, did their duty. They ordered the trumpeters to sound "Cease firing," and rode about attempting to call a halt. Others, I am sorry to say, lost their reason, and rushed ahead as terror stricken as their men. I saw one gallant officer endeavouring to bring his fellows to their senses by presenting his revolver and shouting "Stasu, stasu!" ("Halt, halt!") But he might as well have given the word of command to a whirlwind . . .

Keep the ball rolling

From Mr Ian Murray Leslie

Sir, Your report (April 23) of the case against four men for "fishing" lost golf balls from a lake on a Warwickshire course brings to mind a notice that adorned "unsighted" greens on the Braid Hills course, near Edinburgh, some 70 years ago: "Visitors are requested not to pocket lost balls before they have stopped rolling!"

Yours obediently,
IAN MURRAY LESLIE,
Savage Club,
9 Fitzmaurice Place,
Berkeley Square, W1.
April 23.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 28: The Queen this morning visited Bell Mead Kennels, Old Windsor and opened the new extension to the Dogs's Home, Battersea, of which Her Majesty is Patron.

Having been received by the Vice-Lieutenant of Surrey (Major James More-Molyneux), the Chairman of the Dogs' Home, Battersea (Mr T.G.Field-Fisher) and the Director-General (Colonel H.J. Sweeney), The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the kennels.

Lady Susan Hussey, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Mr Kenneth Scott and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Hon Pearl McGonigal (Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba) and Mr McGonigal had the honour of being invited to luncheon with Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of WWF International, held an Executive Committee Meeting at Buckingham Palace today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 28: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this morning visited the Farms for City Children (Director, Mr M. Morpugo) at Iddesleigh, Devon.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Devon (the Earl of Morley).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Home Farm Trust, this afternoon visited the Trust's Home at Rivendell, Chudleigh, Devon to mark the occasion of its completion.

Her Royal Highness toured the Home, escorted by the Resident Manager (Mr K. Yarnall).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew-Pole, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, this evening attended the premiere of *The Snow Queen* at the Hippodrome Theatre, Birmingham, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was received on arrival at Birmingham International Airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford).

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by the Hon Mrs Whitehead.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 28: The Duke of Gloucester today presented the Sony Radio Awards 1986 at a Luncheon in the Great Room at the *Grosvenor House Hotel*, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Gala Dinner and Fasion *Spectacular in aid of the* Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the Park Lane Hotel, London.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 28: The Duchess of Kent today opened an Exhibition of *Royal Fans at Harewood House*, Leeds.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

The Emperor of Japan is 85 today.

Princess Anne is to be Patron of the Association of Combined Youth Clubs.

Luncheons

High Sheriff of Greater London
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the Sheriff's Breakfast, given by Mr Giles Shepard, High Sheriff of Greater London, and Mrs Shepard, at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Others present included:

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, the Lord Lieutenant of the City and County of Cheshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and Lady Scott, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, Lord Wigoder, QC, Lord Justice Nourse, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Mr Justice Farquharson, Sir Godfrey Taylor, Sir Anthony and Lady Tuke, Lady Porter, Sir Kenneth Newman, Judge Sir David West-Russell, Judge Gerald Butler, QC, Mr Alan Leslie, Mr Owen Kelly and the High Sheriffs of Hampshire, Hereford and Worcester, and Surrey.

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir David and Lady Scott, Sir John and Lady Peel and Mr and Mrs C. P. Jubb were entertained at luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, by Lord Grey of Naunton, president, and members of the Central Council of the Royal Over-Seas League.

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr J. K. Stuart, President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, was in the chair when the Secretary of State for Transport, the Hon Nicholas Ridley, was the principal guest at the luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal, London.

Dinner

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and thier ladies, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held at the Mansion House last night. Mr George Zahler, Master, Mr Ronald Howard and Mr Henry Kroch, Wardens, received the guests. Baroness Platt of Writtle and the Senior Warden were among the speakers.

Meetings

Royal Over-Seas League
Mrs Mairi Radcliffe presided at a meeting of the discussion circle, Royal Over-Seas League, held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Lowry was the guest speaker and his subject was terrorism.

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr H. Rootliep, executive board, Koninklijke Nedlloyd Groep, delivered the Reginald Grout memorial lecture, "Going Dutch", to the Chartered Institute of Transport at the General Council of British Shipping, London, yesterday evening. The president, Mr J. K. Stuart, presided and afterwards entertained the speaker at dinner.

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor
A special general meeting of members of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor to consider and approve the council's proposals for amendments to the constitution will be held at the society's offices at 21 Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2, on Monday, May 12, 1986, at 11 am. Copies of the draft constitution may be obtained from the society's offices.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr John Johnson to be British High Commissioner to Kenya, in succession to Sir Leonard Allinson, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Rear Admiral H.L.Thompson to be promoted Vice-Admiral and to be Deputy Controller Warships, in succession to Mr P.W.Jarvis, in August.

Mr Peter Leslie Crill, Bailiff of Jersey, to be a Judge of the Court of Appeal for Guernsey.

Mr Raymond Rickett, Director of the Middlesex Polytechnic, to be Chairman of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics.

The night sky in May

By Our Astronomy Correspondent

Mercury will be in superior conjunction on the 23rd and is unlikely to be seen this month.

Venus is a bright evening star setting about two hours after the Sun. A little to the south of the Moon on the 11th.

Mars will be rising before midnight by the middle of the month, still in Sagittarius. Moon in the area on the night 26-27th.

Jupiter is a bright morning object rising from 03h to 01h. It is in Aquarius and the brightest object in the area. Moon in the vicinity on the 3rd and 4th and again on the 31st.

Saturn will be in opposition on the 28th and will be above the horizon for nearly all the dark hours, crossing the meridian at 23h55m. Magnitude about zero, considerably brighter than the neighbouring Antares at 1.2. Moon near it on the night 23rd-24th.

Uranus is now in the evening sky, average rising time 22h, and Neptune will also rise before midnight.

The Moon: last quarter, 1d03h; new, 8d22h; first quarter, 17d01h; full, 23d21h; last quarter, 30d13h.

Halley's Comet should be observable again for the first twelve days or so of this month. It is receding from both Earth and Sun and consequently losing brightness, so binoculars will probably be needed.

On the 1st the waning Moon will not rise until after midnight and on the 10th the waxing Moon will set before 22h; thus we shall have a dark period. Observers will also need the all-too-rare cloudless western sky and not to live in, or near the north side of, a large town.

On the 1st the comet will be close to the right-hand star of Crater (on our map) and will move quite quickly northward past the adjacent star of Hydra, in the direction of the word "equator".

According to *The Times* booklet *How to See Halley's Comet*, on the 10th at 22h GMT in the Midlands its altitude will be about 17deg and true bearing 220deg, roughly south-west. Apart from the exceptionally well equipped, this will be the last chance for most of our readers to see the comet, though their children may in the year 2062.



The diagram above the brightest stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11pm) at the beginning, 22h (10pm) in the middle and 21h (9pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

The light evenings have arrived. At the beginning of the month nautical twilight (Sun 12deg below the horizon) will have ended by 21h, for which hour the April map is applicable. By mid-month that map will apply an hour earlier and twilight half an hour later, so today's map becomes more suitable. However, the general south aspect is the same for both, dominated by the "spring triangle" of Denebola (the tail of the Lion), Spica and Arcturus.

Leo is one of the very ancient constellations of the Zodiac, and long ago various mythologies were associated with it, such as the creation of the world when the Sun was passing through it. The more recent Greek myth links it with the Nemaean lion killed by Hercules. The neck of the beast contains an interesting double star, but there is nothing very special about Denebola.

Virgo is also an ancient zodiacal group with a very long history, "the Goddess of a Thousand Names" (Isis) to the Egyptians. Pictorial maps show an angel-like figure with her head to the west, and Spica at a lower wing tip. This group is sometimes linked with the next, Libra, as Justice holding the Scales. Spica is a white star, magnitude just about 1.0 and No 15 in the order of bright stars. The star hidden by Moon 19 on our map is another interesting double star.

Arcturus, just brighter than zero magnitude, ranks third in the "pecking order" and is a cool orange star. It belongs to the constellation Bootes, an upright figure with Arcturus at the left knee, and known variously as the Herdsman, Ploughman, Harvester or Bear Driver.

Like the other two, it is an ancient group, associated with the Egyptian Horus, and also representing Noah.

For binocular users, Coma Berenices, just above Arcturus-Denebola line, will provide a rewarding view. It is a rich star patch usually classed as an open cluster.

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Auerbach, 55; Sir John Cox, 86; Rear-Admiral R.A. Currie, 81; Miss Brenda Dean, 43; Sir Patrick Hamill, 56; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, 62; Sir John Llewellyn, 71; Mr Rod McKuen, 53; Mr Zubin Mehta, 50; Sir Fraser Noble, 68; the Hon Jacob Rothschild, 50; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, 81; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, 57; Mr David Tindle, 54; Sir Peter Youens, 70; Mr Fred Zinneman, 79.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. M. Adams-Cairns and Miss P. J. Russell
The engagement is announced between Iain, elder son of the late Mr Alastair Adams-Cairns and of Mrs Adams-Cairns, of Prospect House, Woodchurch, Kent, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. A. Russell, of *Lower Barn Farm, Warminster, Wiltshire.*

Mr A. R. Banks and Miss C. J. Tollit
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T. H. F. Banks, of The Garden House, Wichenford, Worcestershire, and Christine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Tollit, of *Phepson Manor, Himbleton,* Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Mr J. B. Blackburn and Miss D. K. Stewart
The *engagement* is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Blackburn, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Stewart, of Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Mr G. J. Brodie and Miss C. A. Coleman
The engagement is announced between Gordon James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. C. G. Brodie, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Caroline Ann, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A. J. Coleman, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr M. R. F. Clark and Miss J. R. Cunningham
The engagement is announced between Michael Robert Forman, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Clark, Old Bank House, Alyth, and Josephine Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Cunningham, 48 Albany Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

Mr A. C. Ewing and Miss M. L. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of the late Mr S. Ewing and Mrs M. J. Ewing, of Vicars Cross, Chester, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. O. Cooper, of Eynsford, Kent.

Mr N. R. Gullifer and Miss L. J. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Nigel Robert, son of Mr Don Gullifer and the late Mrs Sonia Gullifer, of Henleaze, Bristol, and Louise Joan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Edwards, of Hove, Sussex.

Mr D. MacGregor and Miss M. E. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. MacGregor, of Alrewas, Staffordshire, and Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S. W. Clarke, of Barton-under-Needwood, *Staffordshire.*

Mr J. H. M. MacKinnon and Miss A. Fulwood
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Commodore N. A. MacKinnon, RAN (retd), and Mrs MacKinnon, of Lewknor, Oxfordshire, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Fulwood, of Waikerie, South Australia.

Mr L. K. A. Mair and Miss J. E. Paciello
The engagement is announced between Lindsay Keith Anderson, son of Mr and Mrs M. A. Mair, of Heswall, The Wirral, and *Jane Elizabeth, daughter of* Mr and Mrs D. J. Paciello, of Newport, Gwent

Mr A. D. Morgan and Miss A. J. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. F. Morgan, of Orpington, Kent, and Anthea, only daughter of Mr J. D. H. Wilson, of Orange Free State, South Africa, and Mrs V. M. Wilson, of Highgate, London.

Mr C. P. Powlett and Miss J. A. Over
The engagement is announced between Christopher Philip, elder son of Rear-Admiral and Mrs P. F. Powlett, of Lyng, Norfolk, and Jennifer Ann, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs D. S. Over, of *Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.*

Mr S. J. Waldron and Miss M. A. Sykes
The engagement is announced between Stephen John, youngest son of the late the Rev D. L. C. Waldron and Dr J. W. Waldron, of Fowey, Cornwall, and Melanie Anna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tristram S. Sykes, of Norrington, Alvediston, Salisbury.

Lieutenant M. W. White, RN, and Miss L. B. Soper
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs N. M. White, of Donnington, Shropshire, and Lynn, younger daughter of Major J. R. Soper (retd) and Mrs Soper, of Southsea, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr G. B. Davison and Miss L. W. M. Barker
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 26, at All Saints', Stradbroke, of Mr Guy Bryce Davison, only son of the late Dr Guy Davison and of Mrs Richard Furber, and stepson of Mr Richard Furber, of Nizels, Hildenborough, Kent, and Miss Lucy Barker, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Barker, of The Rookery, Wilby, Suffolk. The Rev Julian Barker officiated, assisted by the Rev David Streeter.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Lulu Lucock, Marie Goess-Saurau, Katherine Wellesley-Wesley and Victoria McClure. Mr Hugo Johnsen was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr J. M. Howard-Johnston and Mrs C. Donn
The marriage took place in Dorset on Saturday, April 12, of Mr Michael Howard-Johnston and Mrs Carolyn Donn.

Mr D. P. D. Jolley and Mrs D. de F. Chilvers
The marriage took place on April 5, at the Parish Church of St Luke, Matfield, of Mr David Philip Jolley and Mrs Deborah Chilvers.

Mr J. A. Yorke and Miss P. A. M. Kitson
The marriage took place on April 25, in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, of Mr James Yorke, younger son of Mr David Yorke and the late Mrs Yorke, of Steyning, Sussex, and Miss Primrose Kitson, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Harold Kitson, of Morcombelake, Dorset. The Chaplain, the Rev John Williams, officiated.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Katherine Edge. Lord Russell of Liverpool was best man. A reception was held at Brooks' Club.

Dulwich College

Summer Term at Dulwich College began on April 21. I. C. Tredgett is captain of cricket. The confirmation service will be conducted by the Bishop of Woolwich in chapel at 2.30 pm on May 13. The Lord's Tavemers will play a cricket match at the college on June 1. Brigadier W.G.R. Turner, CBE (OA), will inspect the combined cadet force on June 3. The school concert will be held at the Festival Hall at 7.30 pm on June 11. Founder's day is June 21 and the commemoration service will be held in chapel at 11 am on Sunday, June 22, when the sermon will be preached by the master of the college. Half term will be May 23 - 27 inclusive, and term will end on Friday, July 11. The annual dinner for Old Alleynians will be held at the college on Tuesday, July 15.

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.
St John 14: 12

BIRTHS

BACON - On 22nd April, 1986 to Nico and Susie, a son Edmund, a brother for Ricky.

CATHCART - On April 23rd at St Mary's Southsea, to Anna (nee Newall-Watson) and Nigel, a son, George.

COTTENHAM on April 26th at Princess Margaret Hospital, to Sarah and Charlie a son, Sam Richard Pepys.

DOYNE-BITMAS On 16th April to Julia (nee Edgeworth) at Hal, a son Edward Harold de Crespigny.

FOYLE - on March 23rd, to Rose (nee Clarke) and Anthony, a daughter, Serena Rose Delap.

GOYDER - On April 22nd 1986 to Yvonne (nee Hogarth) and Hugh, a daughter Rosemary Alice. A sister for Katherine.

HARROP - On April 25th at Salisbury, to Rosaleen (nee Gough) and John, a son, James William, a brother for Edwina.

HOYLAND - On April 27th 1986 to Rowena (nee Neill) and Philip a daughter Laura Jane.

JOHNSON On April 18th to Clare (nee Long) and Bruce, a daughter Rebecca May.

JOSSELYN - On April 26th at King's College Hospital, Camberwell, to Felicity (nee Grootenhuis) and George, a daughter (Alice Margaret), a sister for Katherine.

LAING - On April 27th, at St Thomas's, to Hana (nee Novotna) and Alastair, a son, Andrew Samuel.

LAW – On April the 27th at the Wellington Hospital, London, to Sandy and John, a daughter Kirsteen, a sister for Alexander and David.

MOODIE - On April 27th to Dawn (nee Ellis) and Gordon, at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, a son Iain Douglas, a brother for James and Alexander.

NARIZZANO - On 27th of April at Queen Charlottes, to Jane (nee Falkner) and Paul, a daughter Anna, a sister for Peter and Sophie.

WILDENSTEIN - on 26th April, to Kristina and Guy, a daughter (Samantha).

WILSON - on 27th April, to Annabel (née Crone) and Guy, a son, Robert, a brother for Lucy and Eleanor.

DEATHS

BAIRD On Thursday 24th April 1986 peacefully at Charing Cross Hospital, brave Allan Shand, Captain Royal Navy M.I.E.E., M.I Mech. E, aged 46. Beloved elder son of John and Margaret Trully loved husband of Rachel, dear and loving father of Andrew, Emma and James, our rock. Staunch brother of Roger. All very welcome to Funeral Service at 2.00pm on Friday 2nd May at H.M.S. Collingwood, Fareham, Hants, followed by private cremation at Portchester Crematorium. Family flowers only but all donations please to Cancer Research, c/o JNO Steel, 6 Chesil St., Winchester, Hants. Domitus fecit.

BOLTON On 21st April, Betty, wife of Paddy Bolton, in a car accident in France. Please, no letters.

BOYCE - on 24th April, unexpectedly, Dorothy (nee Clapham) of Northwood, formerly of Arthington, Yorkshire; beloved mother of Jonathan and grandmother of Harriet. Funeral Service will take place at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex, on Friday 2nd May, at 2.15 pm (West Chapel). Enquiries to E. Spark Ltd (Northwood 25372).

CABOURN SMITH - (nee Evers) peacefully on 27th April, Sally, beloved widow of Lt. Col. Wilfrid Cabourn Smith, mother of Martin and sister of Jack. Service at Golders Green Crematorium Thursday 1st May 2.50pm No flowers please, donations to Hospital or Charity of choice.

COLLINS A.R.G. (Jim) on April 28th after an illness bravely borne. Funeral at Slough Crematorium, 10.30am Friday May 2nd. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries to F.G. Pymm & Son, 65 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead.

COLTON - on 26th April, 1986, Colton G. M. (Ann), Headmistress of City of London School for Girls 1949 - 1972, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral at Westleton Parish Church, Suffolk at 2.30 pm on Thursday 1st May, 1986.

CRESWELL - On April 25th 1986 in Mount Alvernia, Guildford, after a short illness, Sir Michael Justin Creswell then K.C.M.G. aged 76. Beloved husband of Catherine Mea Lady Creswell, dear father of Colin and Alexander. Much loved stepfather of Pieter Mondyn and Charlotte Flaes. Funeral service Friday, May the 2nd. All enquiries please to Pimms Funeral Services, Dorset House, High St, Cranleigh. Tel: 274079.

DONALD Suddenly but peacefully at Edinburgh on 26th April 1986 David William Alexander Donald, O.B.E., T.D., F.F.A., 18 Hermitage Drive, Edinburgh, loved brother of Janet and dear uncle to all the family. Thanksgiving service in Mayfield Parish Church, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, 30th April at 3.00 pm. Private cremation thereafter. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Columba's Hospice, Boswall Road, Edinburgh. No mourning.

DENT - On 27th April after an illness, born with great courage, Cherry, wife of the late Rear Admiral John Dent. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St Lukes's Church, Sway on Friday 2nd May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 61 Derngate, Northampton.

DUKE - On Monday 28th April at the Horton General Hospital, Banbury, Rev Frederick, Duke of Mollington, aged 84. Requiem Eucharist at All Saints Church, Mollington on Friday 2nd May at 12 noon. Flowers or donations to J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury. The latter to be divided between father Duke's favourite charity.

FORDHAM - George William past away peacefully at home on April 25th 1986, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Matlock, Derbyshire on Friday 2nd May at 2.30pm followed by cremation at Brimmington Crematorium, Chesterfield at 3.30pm. No flowers by request please, donations, if desired, to All Saints Church, Matlock and St. Giles Church, Matlock c. o Thomas Greatorex & Sons Ltd., The Green, Matlock, Derbyshire.

HAMMOND - On 26th April peacefully at The Quinta, Bentley, Mary, widow of the late Lt Col H A B Hammond RA, lately County Commissioner for Hampshire Girl Guide, mother of Sarah and Mark, grandmother of Anthony, Andrew and Mary. Private cremation will be followed by Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Bentley at 3.30pm on Friday 2nd May. Family flowers only; donations, if desired, to Woodlarks Camp Site Trust, Tilford Road, Farnham.

HENDERSON on April 28 peacefully after a short illness, Ian T Henderson C.B.E., T.D., M.A., of Pond House, Crawley, Winchester, beloved husband of Melda and much loved father of Venetia, Nicky, Andrew and Anthony. Funeral service at St Mary's, Crawley, on Friday, May 2 at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Mental Health Foundation, C. O John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. 0962 65196

HELLMAN - On 28th April, Marcel beloved husband of Elly, father of Renée and Joela, peacefully at home. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Memorial service to be announced.

HOSKINS - On April 27th 1986, peacefully after a long illness, Jeannie Fettes Hoskins, aged 77 years, dearly beloved wife of Percy Hoskins C.B.E. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday May 2nd at 4pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Saints and Sinners, Cancer Research Fund, 40 Queen Anne's St, London W1.

HOWE - On April 20th suddenly at home, Robert Douglas Howe, I.C.S (Retired), M.B.E., S.Q.A., and later of Lever Brothers, (Pakistan) Ltd. Cremation took place on April 25th. Donations in memory to Cancer Research if desired.

JOHNSTON - Sir Charles Hepburn CBMG, peacefully at home on April 22nd. Funeral for relatives and close friends to be held at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place on April 30th at 2.30pm. arrangements for memorial service to be announced later.

JOY - On April 25th peacefully at home, after a long illness faced with courage and dignity, Barbara Rosemary (Bunch), much loved sister of Nancy and Nicky. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Bentley, on Wednesday April 30th at 2.30 pm. Funeral flowers or if preferred donations for Bentley Church, to Kemp and Stevens, Alton, Hampshire.

KIMBER On April 26 peacefully in hospital on Shipston on Stour, Wing Commander Charles T. Kimber, D.F.C., R.A.F., R'td. Private service. No letters please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

KITCHINGMAN GS of Abbots Langley Hertfordshire. Peacefully in Watford General Hospital on April 27th age 85. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service 2.45 pm on 2nd May at St. Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley. No flowers. Donations to Watford and District Talking Newspaper for the Blind, c/o MacLeans, Lowesloft Rd, Watford.

LITTLECHILD - on April 27th at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, Elsie (Pip), aged 83 years, of Brixham. Former Headmistress of Brixham Girls' Secondary School, dear sister of Robert. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Brixham (Devon) on Thursday May 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer Research may be sent to T & I Stockman, 64A Bolton Street, Brixham.

LIVINGSTONE - On April 21st in London, Anne, wife of the late Gordon Livingstone, loving and beloved mother of Michael and grandmother of Julian, Annette and Giles. Requiem at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Granville Road, Seven Oaks on Tuesday April 29th at 3.00pm, followed by burial at Greatness Cemetery. Flowers to W. Hodges & Co, 37 Quakers Hall Lane, Seven Oaks.

LOASBY Peter George D.S.C., Captain Royal Navy. Suddenly on April 26th 1986 beloved husband of Rosemary Margaret. Dear father of Penelope and son-in-law Christopher. A much loved Grandpa of Martha. Funeral service at Saxmundham Parish Church on Friday May 2nd at 2.00pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations for the St Elizabeth Hospice Appeal, c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

McLEAN - On April 24th 1986 (her birthday), at hospital in Belfast after a long illness, Diana Elisabeth, (née Campbell) beloved wife of John, dear mother of Jane, Simon and Sara and grandmother of Matthew, Susanna and Emily, and Sophie. Private funeral Service and Cremation have taken place.

MILLER A DONALD. Formerly of The Leprosy Mission on 25th April, aged 92, peacefully. Funeral Friday 2nd May at 11.30am, at Ditchling Church. Flowers to Frank Davey And Co Hurstpierpoint or Donations to The Leprosy Mission.

MITCHELL - On April 23rd in a Hospice at St Johns Wood, London NW8; Elsie Florence, aged 81, dearly loved wife of Bill, beloved mother of Catherine and Sonia, loving and much loved Nanna of Juliet, Anna, Christopher, Miranda, and Jessica. Enquiries to Cooksey, 190 Fortis Green Road, London, N10.

PAGE - On 21st April, Howard W. in the U.S.A. aged 79.
Formerly Senior Executive of the Exxon Corporation and for a number of years, before and after the Second World War, held Exxon Appointments in London. Was closely associated in working with the U.K. Government towards the decision to end petrol rationing. Whilst in London served as a Director of the Iraq Petroleum Company Ltd. His wife, the former Eileen Willan from England, passed away in 1984.
Donations if desired to the American University of Beirut Foundation, of which Harold Page was one time Chairman, at 850 Third Avenue, New York, 10022.

POTTER - Charles Addison, On 27th April 1986, peacefully at Kenfield Hall Nursing Home, after a long illness, aged 79 years, beloved husband of Diana and father of Carol, David and John. Private funeral. Donations if wished to Patrbourne church, c/o Treasurer Red Door, Downs, Nr Canterbury. Memorial service to be on Wednesday, 14th May 1986 at 2.30pm at Bridge church.

RENDALL - aged 37 on 24th April in Guys Hospital, Richard very much loved husband of Lesley. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 1st May at 2.45pm in the West Chapel. Flowers and enquiries to W. Garstin & Son, Tel: 01 938 4868 or donations to Prof. Roberts, Special Fund, Guys Hospital.

ROBERTSON - On Saturday 26th April at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, peacefully after a short illness, Judith-Anne, in her 65th year, beloved wife of the late Alan M. Robertson of B.P. & Motherwell Bridge and mother of Neil Michaud. Cremation service to take place at Oxford Crematorium, Wednesday April 30th at 12 noon. Family burial at Dunkeld Cathedral later.

SPARROW - On April 26th suddenly at her home Penn Sparrow, much loved sister of John, Tim and Daphne, aged 78. Private cremation on Friday May 2nd, followed by funeral service 3.30pm at Leintwardine. No flowers.

THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR - Deepest sympathy to her staff and to her close personal friends. T. Hogarth.

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TURNBULL on April 27th on Calday Island, Phibs beloved wife of Gerard Alan Smith Turnbull. Funeral at St Davids Church, Calday Island, Wednesday, April 30th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

TURNER - On 24th of April peacefully at Woodlands Rest Home, Earith Cambs, Mildred Edith, formerly of Cambridge, aged 84 years. Funeral service at St Bene'ts church, Cambridge, Friday 2nd May at 11.15 am, followed by cremation. No flowers by request.

TWEEDIE - Anne suddenly on 28th April in Basingstoke Hospital, loved wife of Vere and mother of Sarah, Mandy and Simon. Funeral at 3.00pm Friday 2nd May at St. Mary's, Winchfield. Family only. Flowers to E. Finch & Sons, Aldershot.

VASSAR-SMITH - On April 26th in hospital, Dr. Jack of 33 Bryanston Square. Funeral on Thursday at 3.00pm at Golder's Green Crematorium. No letters or flowers please. Donations to Cancer Research if desired.

WAKEMAN - On April 22nd suddenly, in Germany Horace (Alan), Squadron Leader, R.A.F. (Retired) aged 58. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

WENTZEL On April 25th, Cyril Charles, beloved husband of Ursula Margaret, peacefully after a long illness, most courageously borne. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium 10.15am Friday May 2nd. Flowers to Ashtons, 140 Alexandra Road, SW19, before 9.00am Friday.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BLACK. A Memorial Service will be held for Mr Ian Hervey Stuart Black at the Brompton Oratory on April 30th, at 11.30am.

HOCKNELL - John Stocker - A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Amersham (Old Town) Saturday, 17th May, 12 noon.

SHEPHERD - Memorial mass for Patricia Mary. All friends welcome at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, on 15th May at 6.30pm, and afterwards at St Joseph's School.

OBITUARY

DR HERMANN GMEINER
Founder of international children's villages

Dr Hermann Gmeiner, founder of the international charity, SOS Children's Villages, and one of the most successful workers in the field of child welfare, died on April 26. He was 66.

Hermann Gmeiner was born on June 23, 1919. His father was a farmer and his mother, Angelika, died when he was a young child. But he had a happy childhood, one of a large family cared for by their father and the oldest sister.

As a young medical student, he returned to Innsbruck after the Second World War to witness the plight of the homeless children, living rough in the city's bombed ruins.

Gmeiner found a woman to care for them and raised enough money to buy them a house. Other houses were built alongside, and the first SOS Children's Village at Imst, outside Innsbruck, was born.

He remained a bachelor and gave up his medical studies to devote himself to the children.

More villages followed and the idea spread across Europe.

In the 1960s the movement extended to developing nations and today thousands of children in 86 countries owe their security, and sometimes their lives, to Hermann Gmeiner's organisation.

SOS stands for "Societas Socialis": the villages provide a family, a home and a "mother", as well as an education, for children who would otherwise face a struggle to survive.

The movement crosses ideological boundaries, with villages in western and eastern Europe, as well as in China, Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Many were also set up to cope with war orphans in countries like Vietnam, Korea and Bangladesh.

Gmeiner was nominated by Albert Schweitzer for the Nobel Peace Prize and received many honours, including the Silver Badge of Honour and the Papal Order of St Gregory the Great.

But the 223 SOS Children's Villages and 400 associated projects are his most fitting memorial.

MR HERBERT CARR

Mr Herbert Carr, former headmaster of Harrogate Grammar School and a prominent mountaineer, died on April 23, aged 89.

Born on July 16, 1896, he was educated at St Paul's School and Pembroke College, Oxford.

He taught at Alleyn's School, Dulwich, from 1927-31 before being appointed headmaster of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith. From 1934 to 1960 he was headmaster at Harrogate.

At Oxford, Carr rowed for his college, but his lifelong passion was for mountaineering. He was a member of the Alpine Club from 1922 (vice-president 1955), the Rucksack Club and the Climbers' Club from 1925 (president 1954-57).

He saw active service in two world wars: as a *sublieutenant* in the RNVR from 1915-19, and as a flight lieutenant in the RAFVR from 1940-44.

Carr edited one classic among mountaineering books, *The Mountains of Snowdonia* (1925), wrote the first rock-climbers' guide to the Snowdon area, *A Climbers' Guide to Snowdon and the Beddgelert District* (1926); and, 53 years on, he published *The Irvine Diaries: the Enigma of Everest*, an account of the ill-fated attempt on Everest in 1924 by Andrew Irvine and George Mallory.

In 1925 he and several friends established the first successful mountaineers' hut in Wales, Helyg, in the Ogwen Valley.

Last June, aged nearly 89, he was able to return to the famous Pen y Gwryd Hotel as guest of honour at the celebration of the hut's diamond jubilee.

He also inspired the book *Helyg*, published by the Climbers' Club last December.

Active to the last, Carr was working on a book, *Halcyon Days*, the story of his early mountaineering exploits in Britain and the Alps.

PROFESSOR MIRCEA ELIADE

Professor Mircea Eliade, the historian of religions whose work on *Yoga* is one of the most authoritative books on the subject, died in Chicago on April 22. He was 79.

He achieved worldwide prominence as a writer in the broad field of comparative religion, an interest nurtured when, as a young student of philosophy, he studied in India from 1928 to 1931 with Maharaja Sir Manindrachandra Nundy of Bengal.

Eliade, who was born in Bucharest, published his first article at the age of 14. He received his PhD from Bucharest University where he taught until 1939.

His studies in India did more than teach Eliade the history and techniques of Yoga: they gave him his first understanding of the importance of religion in the life of ordinary men.

Like many Romanians, he had tended to despise the worship of the Orthodox Church and the religions of the peasants as superstition. But in India he came to see in official Hinduism and in more archaic forms of religious life the importance of religion for man.

THE ARTS

Television

Figuring it out

As far as their knowledge of mathematics is concerned, British schoolchildren arrive naked in the technological age. The opening sequence of *Horizon* (BBC2) was a montage of interviewees who expressed panic, fear, a sense of failure and a deep hatred of maths. From this the programme advanced its first proposition, that maths education in Britain has failed completely.

The cause of this failure was investigated. Why should scaffolders, who can competently solve problems of three-dimensional geometry, or fashion design students with effortless mastery of proportion, still be unable to get formal maths qualifications? It was evident that people who have no difficulty with practical mathematics can nonetheless experience problems in learning the science as an abstraction.

Scientists in Britain and the United States have begun to study the process by which children acquire mastery of numbers. Their research entails much patient exploration of the mental processes of children under five, as well as an examination of the phenomenal mental powers of some mathematical geniuses. The cabaret artist who calls his act "Mathemagics" demonstrated how he could square four- and five-digit numbers in his head in a few seconds by a system of breaking the numbers up into smaller components and working from left to right — a technique common among those of his extraordinary ability. Learning mathematics proved to be a complex process which every child accomplished in its own unique way.

From this knowledge a new dawn in maths education was predicted. At the De Beauvoir School in Islington juniors are taught maths by methods which are designed to increase their creativity and motivation. The former mathematics inspector for London schools mentioned that it was "lovely getting rid of logarithms", a sentiment which many would no doubt endorse.

The programme was unable to evaluate the new teaching methods in the long term. It also chose not to enter the mysterious area in which maths initiates can venture to play with abstract concepts permanently beyond the grasp of the average CSE class. Nevertheless, the documentary opened up a vista of the future of maths in schools which was optimistic and exciting.

Celia Brayfield

Galleries

London denied the chance of joyful learning

Stéphane Mallarmé and His Artist Friends
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter

Richard Walter Sickert
Norwich School of Art

The Hidden Face of Manet
Courtauld Institute Galleries

Rich though London usually is in grand and varied art shows (though this year does not look much like living up to the splendours of last), there is at least one kind which used to be a regular part of metropolitan fare, but nowadays, if one can encounter it at all, generally requires something of a trek out of town. That is what one might call the didactic show: one which sets out to argue a point, makes connections, and generally starts visitors thinking about how and why art is produced rather than just passively taking the finished result for granted.

Two unusually interesting exhibitions out of town at the moment fulfil these criteria, though happily there is also one shining example in London to make us regret that the others will not be coming nearer than Exeter and Norwich respectively.

In Exeter, at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum until May 17, is a fine and enterprising show on the subject of Stéphane Mallarmé and His Artist Friends. Why Mallarmé, one might ask, for there does not seem to be any particular topical or local peg on which to hang him. But the show really needs no such justification, since the images it gathers are so fascinating in themselves. For one thing, Mallarmé knew practically everybody who was anybody in the Impressionist and Symbolist worlds, and a surprising number of them worked with him, directly or indirectly, illustrating his own poetry or his translations (particularly of Poe), or making pictures out of very Mallarméan themes, or sketching portraits of him and his friends for the popular magazines of the day.

You do not need to be in any sense a specialist to enjoy Berthe Morisot's drypoint of water-lilies, so close to Mallarmé's own description, or Lucien Pissarro's nursery-rhyme watercolours, or Manet's tiny sketches for *L'Après-midi d'un faune* let alone his darkly expressive illustrations for *The Raven*. And then there are examples of artists whom Mallarmé admired, such as Odilon Redon, represented by a superb collection of grim and fanciful lithographs, and later illustrators of his works, such as Fernand Khnopff.

A very slightly greater degree of curiosity about Mallarmé's world will be pleasingly and unexpectedly satisfied by a collection of caricature or semi-caricature portraits of many of the principal figures from the pages of *Les Hommes d'aujourd'hui*, which contained images of interesting personages by interesting and sometimes unlikely artists. Even more special, perhaps, will be the visitor who comes ready primed with curiosity about Zola's art-world novel *L'Oeuvre*, and who in it is who. But the display pictorially explaining it all should recruit a few more readers — which is, presumably, an important part of what such a show is all about.

In Norwich, at the gallery of the School of Art, is a show which should by rights be somewhere in London: Richard Walter Sickert puts on display until May 24 almost the whole of the Sickert Trust Collection belonging to Islington Libraries. You quite probably did not realize even that such a thing as the Sickert Trust and its collection existed — reasonably enough, since the drawings and prints involved are seldom visible. They were, it seems, acquired from the artist's estate in 1947, to commemorate a number of, in themselves, rather tenuous connections with the borough.

The prints are nearly all finished, but the drawings and occasional oil sketches are definitely chips from the work-bench — first ideas still to be worked out, or sketches all squared up ready for transfer to larger canvas. The point of showing all this material together is not only, often, to give the eye a treat, but also to make one think about the artist and his methods, his way of seeing and his ways of making pictures out of what he saw. The only area in which the show falls somewhat short — no doubt because the material just is not in the collection — is in its coverage of Sickert's later works based on Press photographs or Victorian engravings.

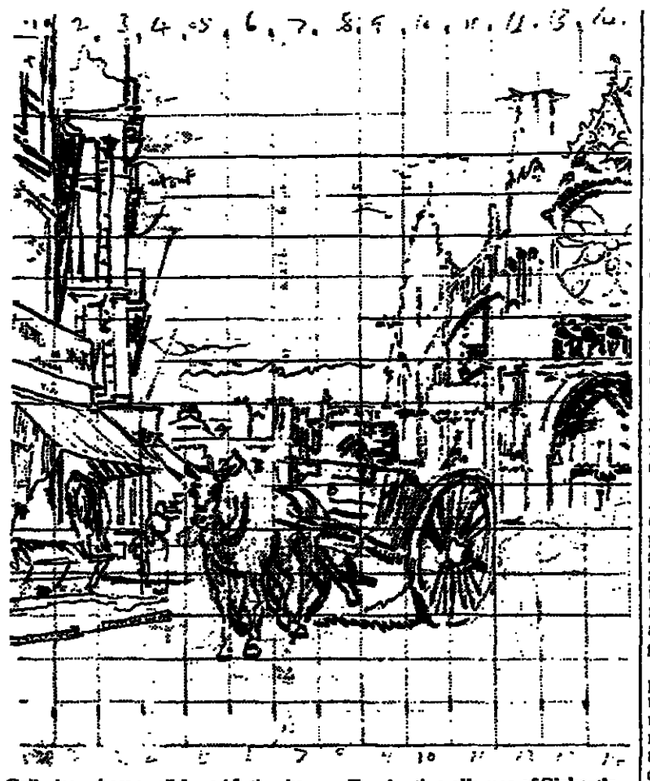
It would be useful to see for ourselves, for instance, exactly what the painting *The Victor* is based on, if it is indeed one of this series, as implied by the label. But in general this is the perfect show for an art school to put on, and to let the public at large in on.

Back in London we can find the same sort of show, on a rather grander scale, at the Courtauld Institute Galleries, where until June 15, thanks to the sponsorship of *The Burlington Magazine* (the April number of which also contains the catalogue) we are shown The Hidden Face of Manet. What this means is that a group of well-known Manet paintings (a couple of them in the Courtauld's own collection) are subjected to X-ray examination, surrounded by sketches and alternative versions and kindred works, and made to deliver up their secrets about how Manet worked and what the sources of his inspiration were. Sometimes the answers are quite unexpected.

Paintings like the Baltimore *Café-concert*, with its improvisatory dash and vigour, or the Burrell Collection *Le Jambon*, simple and monumental, may look as though they were painted in one go, but instead prove to have been exhaustively pondered over and reworked in order to seem so spontaneous. Recent books have told us a lot about the evolution of *The Execution of Maximilian* in its various versions, or the roots of *Le Dejeuner sur l'herbe* in Renaissance prints, but it is still good to have it all spelt out before one.

Too specialized, too soft-sell, for London? That is what they seem to have been saying lately. That is what they say, even, about the failure up to now of the wonderful Alfred Gilbert show at the Royal Academy to attract more than a tiny number of visitors. But surely we do not need to take too optimistic a view of our own level of culture to feel that such shows, even if they are not the stuff of which record-breakers are made, deserve and should easily be able to find a decent attendance in the capital, on purely sybaritic grounds if no other. Perhaps we really do need Exeter or Norwich to show us the way.

John Russell Taylor



Fascinating glimpse of Sickert's way of working from squared-up sketch to canvas in *St Jacques, Dieppe, The Façade*; and Manet's tiny sketches for Mallarmé's *L'Après-midi d'un faune*









Concerts

Out of character

LPO/Eschenbach
Festival Hall

One minor mystery of this London Philharmonic Orchestra season is why Christoph Eschenbach is set on conducting flamboyant French, Russian and Slavonic pieces when nearly every interpretative gesture he makes suggests he would be happier directing solid performances of mainstream Austro-German repertoire. One suspects his Telemann *tafelmusik* would be exquisite, his Mozart tastefully shaped, his Brahms conscientiously serious.

But Berlioz's *Le Carnaval Romain* Overture? This account was more pensive than party-like, at least in the cor anglais's preamble, and even at the saltarello's height more impressive for its lightweight neatness than for the customary evocation of giddy, gaudy gaiety.

Paradoxically, part of the problem is that Eschenbach tries so hard to invest individual phrases with expressive nuances. Consequently, long-term momentum is jeopardized. That was particularly evident in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5, a work which certainly does not require its emotional message writ any larger. In the opening movement Eschenbach lingered over passages that really needed a passionate thrust onward. More frustrating still was his plan for the Andante cantabile: he worked the strings through their purple sequences with commendable zest, only to institute a diminuendo just before the natural climax. Subtleties like these Tchaikovsky does not need.

Yet Eschenbach is far better than the label of "pianist-turned-conductor" suggests. Where he concentrated on good ensemble and careful balance, as in the properly melancholic waltz, the orchestra played well for him. But elsewhere there was some coarse instrumental blending, and the solo horn had an unlucky evening.

Earlier Eschenbach had dutifully given us the opening orchestral ritornello of Chopin's First Piano Concerto in its entirety: quite a rare treat, if that is the right word. When James Tocco finally put digits to ivories he revealed an unpretentious but well-groomed technique, limited variation in tone, but plenty of ideas about rubato. The lack of sparkle in his passagework hardly made for a crackling *Krakowiak* of a finale, but he compensated with some lovely, half-veiled sonorities which chimed like distant bells at the heart of the *Romanze*.

Richard Morrison

Astonishing virtuosity

François Rabbath
Wigmore Hall

Extraordinary is about the only word which seems adequate to describe the playing of the French double-bass virtuoso François Rabbath. It does not often happen that the marriage between his chosen instrument and its executant is as near perfect as this was; even the likes of Gary Karr often have trouble in the upper register which the solo player needs to exploit heavily, and patchy results are often masked with showmanship. Rabbath is also a showman, though of the most endearing kind, and moreover nothing seems beyond his technical capabilities.

His show is helped by a genial style of presentation that one might think too casual until he starts to play. Naturally there were lashings of Gallic charm, but that did not detract from the fact of Rabbath's astonishing control over the sounds he made. Never have I heard the double bass sing as beautifully, and never have I encountered high harmonics, and indeed every sound-colour, produced so confidently and (usually) perfectly.

If there was a catch to all of this it was that most of the music that Rabbath played (some of it in league with the pianist Susan Bradshaw) was his own, and intellectually challenging it is not. Even so, its very naivety — you might simply call it honesty — made it attractive.

There was, for instance, "Poucha Dass", a pastiche of Indian raga that authentically recreated the timbres of that genre, while the most touching piece of the evening was surely "L'Odysée d'eau", a vivid, blatantly propagandist work directed against the practice of whale-hunting. Then "Reitba (Afrique)" vividly evoked a North African desert mirage, and the phenomenal exuberance of "Breiz" really did reach the realms of what one has hitherto thought physically impossible. Still more uncanny, though, was the mellifluous ease and deep understand with which Rabbath gave the slow movements from two Bach Cello Suites. Now that really was something incredible.

Stephen Pettitt

Opera

Massenet ventures out of his element

Hérodiade
Teatro dell'Opera, Rome

The Teatro dell'Opera certainly cannot be accused of sticking to the war-horses of the Italian repertory: so far this season we have had strongly-cast productions of Cherubini's *Démophoon*, Gluck's *Iphigénie en Tauride* and now Massenet's *Hérodiade*. This enjoyed a great success at its première in 1881 — predating *Manon* by three years and *Werther* by 11 — but has latterly disappeared almost without trace; the Rome performances showed why.

Hérodiade is a four-act grand opera with a libretto based on Flaubert's treatment of the Salome story — Salome loves John the Baptist, who in this version loves her in return; Herod lusts after Salome, to the disgust of Herodias, who is however more concerned with the elimination of John, who has denounced her for her sinful ways.

This pseudo-biblical cocktail of revenge, sex and religion offered Massenet plenty of opportunities to create vivid characters locked in conflict, but he failed; Herodias is protagonist in name only, since her rage and cruelty lie outside Massenet's musical vocabulary. Similarly the crazed, neurotic Herod is a nonentity whose obsession with Salome is represented by a recurrent lilting phrase which belongs more to the cosy world of operetta. The big choruses strive for grandeur but remain simply grandiose; the lush orchestration tries to compensate in size for what it lacks in focus.

This leaves Salome and John as the centre of attention. Much of their music is vocally gratifying but rarely dramatic in any specific way, failing to rise above the level of generalized lyricizing. In short, the grand-opera format was precisely the opposite of what Massenet needed to fire his imagination: his peculiar talents were for the small-scale and the intimate.



Immaculate and very nearly convincing: José Carreras with Montserrat Caballé

Not surprisingly, the producer Antonio Calenda did not manage to turn *Hérodiade* into a vital or credible drama, although unnecessary monotony was added by the fixed-columns-with-cyclorama set (Nicola Rubertelli and Mario di Pace) which forced all the action into the same unchanging centre-stage space. Gianluigi Gelmetti conducted *con brio*, but often encouraged the otherwise creditable orchestra to play too loudly.

Montserrat Caballé is nobody's idea of what Salome should look like, but it mattered much less in this opera than it would in Richard Strauss's. She started hesitantly and unevenly, improving to deliver some beautiful singing in the later scenes, the famous *pianissimi* much in evidence. But she often seemed to consider her task to be that of detached vocal technician rather than committed performer.

Juan Pons was a mellifluous and idiomatic Herod, and tried hard to inject some interest into the character. The young Anna Plagianos, replacing Agnes Baltsa's replacement at short notice, sang well as Herodias, although with insufficient weight and presence. Phanuel, the plot's general factotum, was firmly and incisively sung by the bass Feruccio Furlanetto.

But the undisputed honours went to José Carreras as John the Baptist, immaculately turned out in evenly-frayed sackcloth. He encompassed the big moments with full-throated ease and inflected the tender passages with great eloquence. He almost made one take the music seriously.

Nigel Jamieson

London débuts

Sociable tastes

QPOQ may suggest an alternative OPEC, but in fact identifies the **Quentin Poole Oboe Quartet**, whose London début followed much touring elsewhere for the Countess of Munster Musical Trust. A sociable variety of taste included Schubert rubbing shoulders with a kind of Gallic ragtime from Jean Francaix, and Mozart with Ivor Novello, some 15 or so of whose show-tunes had been woven by Mr Poole into a pleasantly nostalgic tapestry he called *Starlight Rhapsody*.

Whether as oboist or giving the cor anglais an uncommonly ebullient excursion in the Françaix *Quatuor*, Mr Poole was never less than exemplary in technique and character.

His was a prima donna role in the oddly-named *Cantata* for oboe quartet by Oliver Knussen, and he was complemented by his string colleagues with a polished assurance that in Mozart and Schubert verged on blandness.

Reunited in 1981 after all had left the USSR, where they first formed 10 years ago, the **Tchaikovsky Trio** sounded at times wayward and overdriven. Beethoven's Op 1 No 1 was played with a suave veneer a touch too sophisticated for the music's ingenuous character, and the breezy-to-gusty spirit of its finale was intensified in an often fierce and piano-dominated approach to Brahms's Op 101 in C minor.

A closer kinship with Shostakovich was evident in his E minor Trio. Op 67, expressing the music's acknowledged associations with wartime tragedy and angry remonstrance. Here the players' range of individual tone and dynamic control, as well as intensity under the tempestuous surface, gave breadth of character to the music and wrought an eloquent fearfulness in the *danse macabre* of the work's finale.

Noël Goodwin

Rock

Joe Cocker
Hammersmith Odeon

The vulnerability that accounts for so much that is great in Joe Cocker's bared-soul singing style has been translated in the past both to triumphs, as with his stirring performance in the *Woodstock* film, and disaster, as when he fell over drunk on a Melbourne stage in 1972. Thus there is always a distinct sense of worry attached to the prospect of a Cocker concert, and his current album, a mish-mash of "tasteful" MOR tat, did little to allay such fears.

Unfortunately, the newest material was the most heavily featured, and did not prove the best vehicle for Cocker's variable talent. With a capable eight-piece band, and an unreliable sound mix, he strolled through pleasant mid-taste designer soul-struck rock numbers like "A to Z" and "Don't Drink the Water".

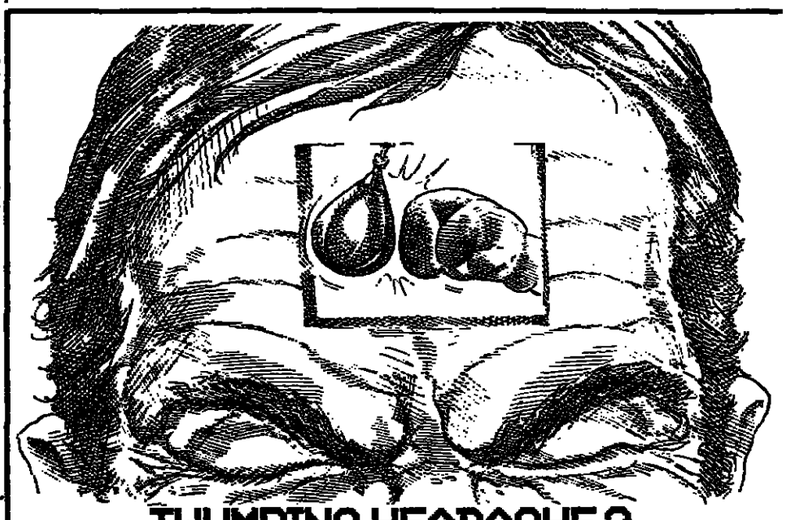
His face now looks as careworn as his gravely voice has always sounded and, like Van Morrison, he is now an undisguised middle-aged performer who has left behind all the rock and roll trappings of his youth, except the gift of a marvellous voice. His awkward, thrusting arm-motions, for so long a barometer of the intensity of his delivery, have now been brought under control, but there was still a physicality to his performance as he stood stiff-backed with his belly thrust out.

When he chose to recall the past, as with the carnival soul-stomp of "Feelin' Alright" or Dylan's boogie "Watchin' the River Flow", it was strictly a trip down memory lane, with staid arrangements and performances failing to match past glories. Only when he turned his hand to the big soul ballads was it apparant that Cocker is still a singer capable of deep expression. Jimmy Cliff's "Many Rivers to Cross" brought out a terrible sadness in his voice, and an encore of "The Moon's a Harsh Mistress", sung with piano accompaniment only, prompted the best vocal performance of the evening.

Sadly, he did not sing the splendid "Up Where We Belong", but did not dare to exclude "With a Little Help from My Friends".

David Sinclair

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Museum shuns auction of treasure from shipwreck

From Geraldine Norman, Amsterdam

The cargo of the Geldermalsen, a Dutch East-Indiaman which sank in 1752, came under Christie's hammer in Amsterdam yesterday in spite of the leading museum in Holland boycotting the sale in protest against the lack of scientific method in recovering archaeological material.

The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam has called on the Dutch Government to introduce laws to govern the salvage of ancient wrecks, citing the British Maritime Protection Act, 1973, as setting an example.

Meanwhile, Mr Michael Hatcher, his two partners, and their team of 10 divers look set to receive about £8 million from the week-long sale. The Dutch Government, as representatives of the Dutch East India Company which owned the ship, will get 10 per cent of the proceeds.

The diving team's rescue of 168,000 items of procelain and 125 gold bars from the wreck in the South China Sea has sparked imagination worldwide.

Bidders have poured into Amsterdam, with 20,000 people viewing the sale, queuing for up to 2½ hours in the rain to see the treasure. At one point the queue stretched 100yd.

A careful scientific record of all the material recovered should have been made, as was common practice with digs on land, he said. History was being lost and the proceeds would go only to finance further unscientific recoveries and a further loss of knowledge, Mr Kist said.

But Mr Hatcher, who led the salvage work, said the museum's reaction was "sour grapes". He agreed that his proceeds would be used to finance another treasure hunt.

He said that historical records have already been studied to pinpoint the next target.

'Orgy for souvenir hunters' decried

One London dealer had come to make bids of up to £100,000 from enthusiasts who have never bought porcelain before, and a Women's Institute in a Somerset village sent representatives to buy one lot to be shared out later.

But Mr Bast Kist, marine archeaologist at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, said the sale was a souvenir hunter's orgy and likened it to the crude treasure hunting in Egyptian tombs in the nineteenth century.

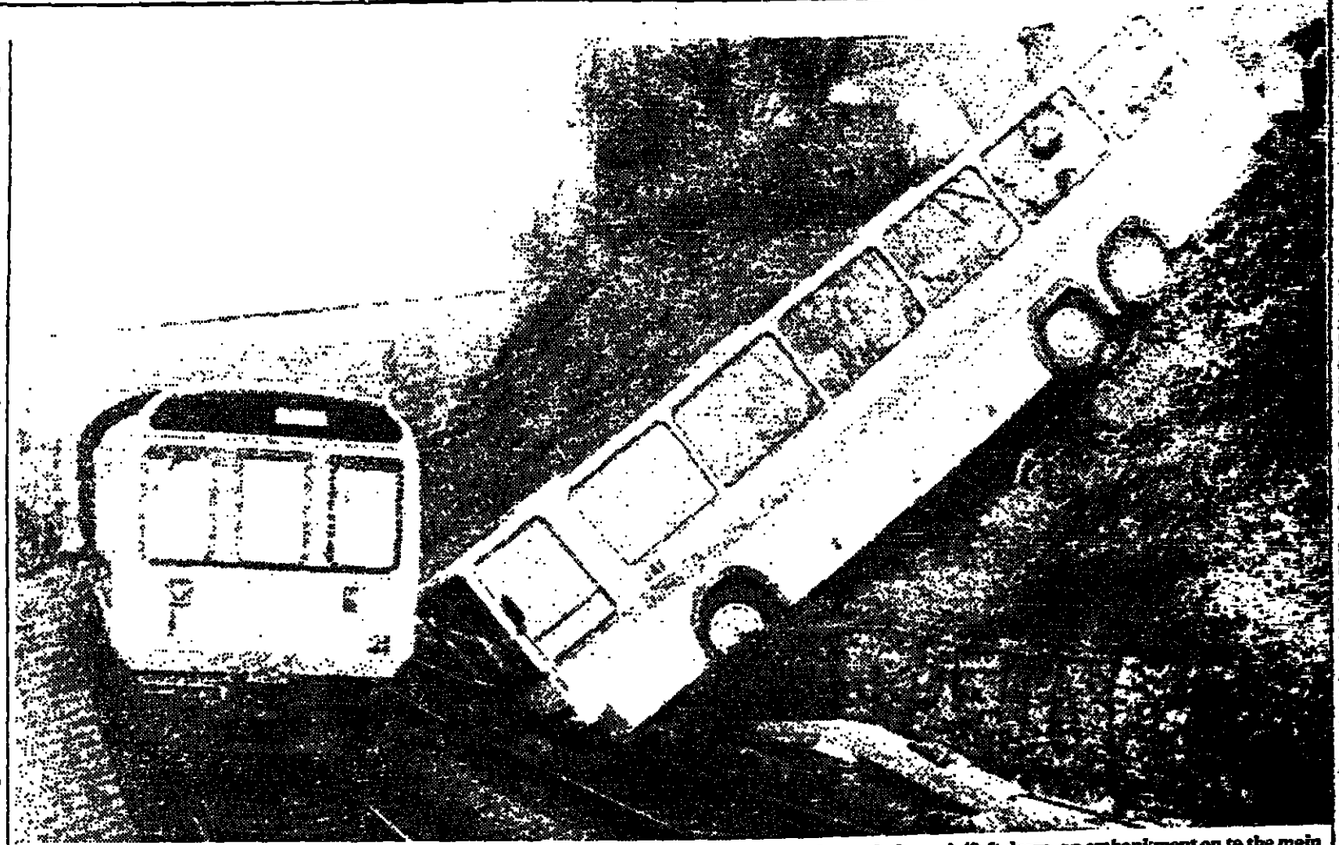
Gold found under stoneware jug

His team intends to start surveying next month. "Heaven knows what we will find. It was such a busy trading route that there are likely to be wrecks of many nationalities and eras."

The first lot in the sale, a German stoneware jug covered in sea encrustation, went to Mr Hatcher for £2,894 against an estimate of £210 – £368. He explained: "I dived for it and the next diver found the gold underneath." A group of seven wine bottles soared to £2,789 against an estimate of £78 – £157.

The selling of Chinese porcelain began with blue and white vomit pots, shaped like children's potties, which averaged around £789 apiece where £131 – £184 had been expected.

The morning sale finished with spectacular large blue and white dishes decorated with swimming fishes and flowers. The highest price was £23,684 paid by S.H.Ong of Singapore, the business brains behind the salvage venture, on behalf of the three partners who mounted it – himself, Mr Hatcher, and Mr Max de Rham, a Swiss surveyor.



A disaster narrowly avoided as this empty 53-seat coach crashed through railings early yesterday and plunged 40 ft down an embankment on to the main London to Plymouth railway line at Teignmouth, Devon. Police believe the accident occurred as thieves tried to steal the French-registered coach.

Veil over Duchess's funeral journey

By Alan Hamilton

A dense veil of privacy will shroud the last journey of Wallis, Duchess of Windsor, as her English oak coffin is borne this afternoon from St George's Chapel, Windsor, to its rest beside that of her husband at Frogmore.

Only four mourners, the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Prince and Princess of Wales, are expected to accompany her body to interment in the Windsor dynasty's family burial ground.

Their journey will be by private roads far from public gaze, to a plot screened by a thick hedge. Even the preceding service in St George's the Royal Family will be hidden by the screen from the other mourners, so that none will see their faces at this this imperfect chapter in the House of Windsor is finally closed.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, widely perceived as the Duchess's most implacable opponent, has postponed a previous engagement to be among the mourners, but there will be no trappings of state.

The service will be conducted by the Rt Rev Michael Mann, Dean of Windsor and chaplain to the Queen, and the blessing will be given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

The order of service will be similar to that employed for the Duke's funeral in 1972, and shorn of all panoply of state. The Duke was king, if briefly, the Duchess was merely his wife.

Among the mourners will be members of the Duchess's personal staff from her house in Paris.

● PARIS: The Duchess of Windsor was just like everybody else, a memorial service at the American Cathedral was told in Paris yesterday. she was no saint, she had a struggle against temptation, and "her hat, so to speak, was not always on straight."

Dean James Lao spoke of the "courage and fortitude" with which the Duchess endured "lingering suffering" in her last years.

Tories struggle with Libya factor in polls

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erable concern among ministers, who are desperately hoping that it will fade as an issue.

More than 60 per cent of voters in both constituencies, including nearly 34 per cent of declared Conservative voters, disapproved of the Government's decision to allow American aircraft at British bases to take part in the strike against Libya.

More significantly, 67 per cent of the people who have yet to decide how to vote – some 17 per cent in each constituency – are opposed to British support, and their votes could conceivably cost the Conservatives both contests.

Mr Kinnock said of the survey findings: "We are in the home straight, gaining fast. We have moved forward 13 per cent in West Derbyshire which puts us in touching distance. Only a small movement of votes would do it."

Mr Matthew Parris, the former Conservative MP whose resignation caused the by-election, said that all three candidates had everything to play for. It sounded extraordinary but it was even possible to imagine a Labour candidate winning Derbyshire West, he said.

In that constituency 30.5 per cent of voters said the Government's handling of the Libyan situation had made them less likely to vote Conservative, while in Ryedale the figure was 24.4 per cent. Only 6.9 per cent said it had made them more likely to vote Conservative.

According to the poll, about 14 per cent of 1983 Conservative voters in Ryedale and some 18 per cent in Derbyshire West are planning to switch to the Alliance.

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EEC budget crisis

Spending horrifes Lawson

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

EEC governments face the highly unwelcome prospect of being asked to pay more as the Community heads for overspending of this year's budget by nearly £3 billion.

M Pierre Pflimlin, the President of the European Parliament, told the Council of Ministers it was absurd to try and fix the 1987 budget guidelines when the 1986 budget was still not agreed. Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, is expected to announce formally the Commission's supplementary 1986 budget plan this week.

At a meeting of EEC finance ministers yesterday, it emerged that budget requirements were threatening to send expenditure crashing through the 1.4 per cent ceiling on national VAT contributions, the present legal limit for EEC revenues.

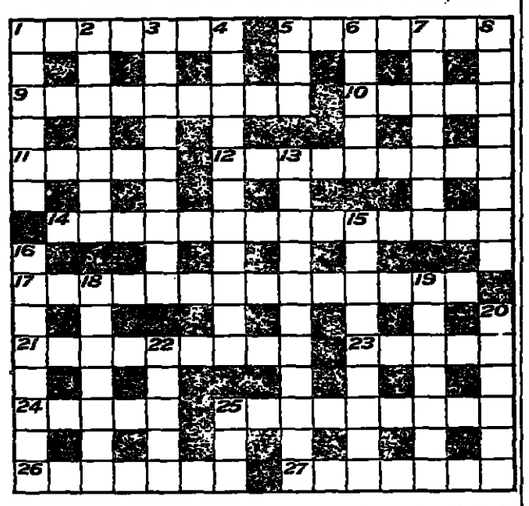
Mr Nigel Lawson, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was a "horrific potential overrun" on EEC expenditure. Officials said the budgetary discipline guidelines, which Britain was instrumental in formulating only last year, now appeared to be unworkable and the alternatives available were either to cut back on the funding of social and regional programmes or breach the 1.4 per cent ceiling and ask member governments to contribute more.

Most finance ministers dismissed the second alternative as out of hand. But M Edouard Balladur, the French Finance Minister, said despite the undoubted importance of budget discipline the Council of Ministers would have to show "some flexibility". West German officials also indicated that the EEC should have to adjust to the real world.

Yesterday the Commission, using Parliament's figures as a base, called for a supplementary budget of more than £1 billion. It, and the Parliament, insists extra spending is needed because of the cost of EEC enlargement, social and regional spending, the fall in the dollar, the farm price package agreed last week, the cost of selling food surpluses, the recent realignment of the EMS (European Monetary System), and ambitious EEC technology research projects.

Even before its supplementary budget was mooted, the Commission had spent £837 million more than the £18.7 billion the Council of Ministers had estimated.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,032



ACROSS

1 Royal house physician in charge of lozenges (7).
5 Links, say, motor with current by a lead to start with (7).
9 Verbosity is spreading (9).
10 Villa taken by this university as a club (5).
11 Intelligible to detectives by mid-clue (5).
12 Kind of neat cup for a Ter- (4).
4 Peanuts in poultry diet? (7-4).
5 A responsibility for its carrier (3).
6 All set to study your first letter (5).
7 The National comes to life at Canal Turn (7).
8 Fish spear for hire? (8).
13 Try and call tune, as ordered, but without enthusiasm (1).

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends a Service in Westminster Abbey to mark the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book, 10.55.

Princess Anne opens the new Institute of London Underwriters Building, Leadenhall St, EC1, 11.30; and later, visits the "Common Ground International" exhibition at the Natural History Museum, SW7, 5.30; then, as President of the Save the Children Fund, attends a Fashion Show to mark the Golden Birthday of Simpson's, Piccadilly, W1, 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, visits Brampton Boys Club, Brampton, Cumbria, and several boys' clubs in the area, 4; and later attends a dinner to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Cumbria Association of Boys' Clubs, Tithe Barne, Carlisle, 7.50.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Education Corps, visits the RAEC centre at Beaconsfield, 10.30.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the Leukaemia Research Fund, attends a reception to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fund, St James's Palace, SW1, 7.

New exhibitions

Paintings, drawings and monotypes by Simon Nicholas: Gallery 3, Smith's Galleries, 33a Shelton St, WC1: Mon to Sun 11 to 7 (ends May 10).

Menschenbilder - The Face of Mankind by Alfred Hrdlicka: Leinster Fine Art, Fourth Floor, 5 Clifford St, W1: Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 11 to 1 (ends June 4).

Drawings by Guercino: Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, Oxford: Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun, May 5 and May 26, 2 to 4 (ends June 22).

The New Spirit: Patrons, artists and the University of Leeds in the 20th Century: University Gallery, Leeds: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, closed May 5, 26 and 27 (ends June 20).

Spring Time - In Oil and Watercolours: New Gallery, Abele Tree House, 9 Fore St, Budleigh Salterton, Devon: Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends May 31).

Music

Piano recital by Marina Horak: St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2, 1.05.

African Music by Dade Krama: Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, W6, 8.30.

Recital by Virginia Rushton (soprano) and Ann Bond (harp): Southwark Cathedral, SE1, 1.10.

Trio Recital by Amanda Hollins (flute), Dale Culliford (cello), Petra Casen (piano): Lauderdale House, Highgate Hill, No. 8.

Flute recital by Colin O'Reilly: Wesley's Chapel, City Rd, EC1, 12.30.

Musica Transalpina (1588) and beyond by the Zephyr Consort: St George's Church, Hanover Sq, W1, 7.30.

Concert by The Light Blues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, WC2, 6.30.

Recital by the Chapel Singers of The Hague: Canterbury Cathedral, 12.

Recital by James Clark (violin) and Susan Tomes (piano): St David's Hall, Cardiff, 1.05.

Recital by Jessie Ridley (violin) and John Savory (piano): Ipswich Town Hall, 12.15.

Jazz concert by Cayenne: South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, Berkshire, 8.

Organ recital by Christopher Tolley: Winchester College, 7.30.

Recital by the Bristol University Madrigal Society: Bristol Cathedral, College Green, 1.15.

Talks, lectures, films

Halley's Comet by Patrick Moore: Great Hall, Queen Mary College, Mile End Rd, E1, 12.30.

The World Bank: problems and prospects by Stanley Please

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 20:

BBC 1
1 EastEnders (Thu/Sun) 21.20m
2 EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 20.00m
3 Three Up, Two Down 14.55m
4 A Question of Sport 14.05m
5 *Dallas 13.15m*
6 Antiques Roadshow 13.10m
7 Tomorrow's World 12.35m
8 Nine O'Clock News (Thu) 11.85m
9 Holiday '86 11.40m
10 That's Life 10.85m

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.75m
2 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.25m
3 Auf Wiedersehen Pet Central 15.10m
4 *Ashanti ITV 15.05m*
5 Crossroads (Tue) Central 13.00m
Crossroads (Wed) Central 13.00m
7 Catchphrase TVS 12.95m
8 Crossroads (Thu) Central 12.65m
9 Emmerdale Farm (Tue) Yorkshire 12.60m
10 Bobby Davro on the Box TVS 12.25m

BBC 2
1 Joan Rivers: Can We Talk? 6.60m
2 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time 6.15m
3 Forty Minutes 5.90m
4 Pot Black '86 5.05m
5 International Snooker (Sun 20.35) 4.80m
6 *MASH 4.55m*
7 International Snooker (Sat 21.04) 4.25m
8 Sybil (Wed) 4.20m
Gardeners' World 4.20m
10 Seaview 4.15m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.55m
2 Brookside (Tue/Sat) 6.05m
3 *The Wooden Horse 4.90m*
4 Cheers 4.20m
5 Royalty 3.35m
6 Because You're Mine 3.20m
7 Well Being 3.15m
8 Countdown (Fri) 3.05m
9 Countdown (Tue) 2.95m
10 *Countdown (Wed/Thu) 2.90m*

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):

BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.7m (9.0m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.5m (11.7m) Sat 2.3m (6.5m) Sun 1.4m

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Roads

London and the South East: A219: Sutton bypass, contraflow and delays for Surrey to London traffic along Oldfield Rd. A1: Roadworks, long delays on approaches to roundabout outside British Aerospace, Hatfield. M4: Contraflow and delays E bound between junctions 8/9 (Maidenhead) and 10 (Wokingham).

The Midlands: M6: Contraflow between junctions 15 and 16 (Stoke on Trent) because of resurfacing work. M5: Road works between junctions 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich). A460: Delays due to roadworks just off junction 11 of M6, Shareshill.

Wales and the West: A470: Roadworks with alternate single line traffic, Maesnan Abbey, Llanrwst. A377: Road widening and temporary lights at Bonhay Rd, Exeter. A38: Repairs to Tamar Bridge, Saltash close one lane 9 am – 3 pm and 6 – 10 pm.

The North: M61: Lane closures on both carriageways due to work on new junction at Blackrod Bridge, Walton Summit. A58: Road work, temporary lights and possible delays at Whitsley Lodge, N Yorkshire. Liverpool: Diversions at Churchill Way with flyover repairs, S bound closed.

Scotland: A726: Road repairs, delays in Sperbridge at Rouaken Glen, Strathclyde. Glasgow: Mitchell St closed to through traffic between Gordon St and Argyll St. A899: Emergency bridge repairs at Houston Rd, Lothian to Livingston, diversions.

Information supplied by the AA

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Finance Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Gas Bill, committee (second day); Patents, Designs and Marks Bill and Sex Discrimination Bill, third reading.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Thomas Beecham, St Helens, Lancashire, 1879; Andrew Young, poet, Elgin, 1885; Sir Malcolm Sargent, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellington, Washington, 1899.

Deaths: John Cleveland, poet, London, 1658; George Farquhar, dramatist, London, 1707; Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1933.

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Weather forecast

A deep depression near Iceland will maintain a cool showery airstream over N and W districts, while a weak ridge of high pressure develops over S districts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 14C (57F).

Central S, E, central N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny periods and scattered showers; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 13C (55F).

SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals and showers, some heavy; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals and showers, some heavy and prolonged with thunder; wind S to SW light or moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

Orkney, Shetland: Rain clearing, becoming brighter and drier; wind SE veering SW light or moderate; max temp 8C (46F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Showers will mostly die out as cloud and rain spread into the N and W of Britain.

Sun Rises: 5.37 am Sun Sets: 8.20 pm
Moon rises: 2.13 am Moon sets: 8.55 am
Last quarter May 1.

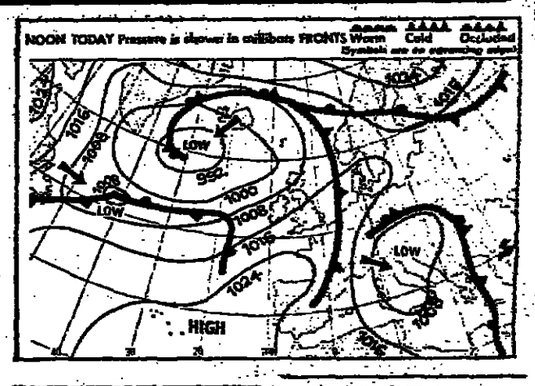
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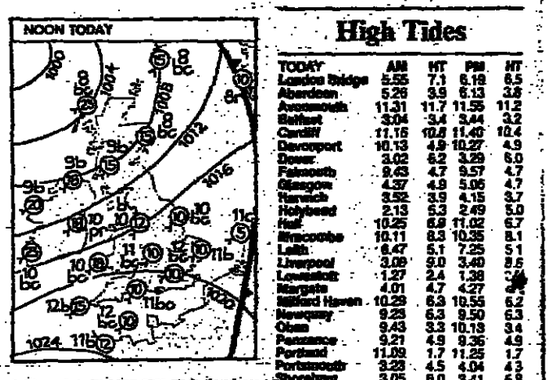
London 8.50 pm to 5.05 am
Bristol 9.00 pm to 5.15 am
Edinburgh 9.17 pm to 5.02 am
Manchester 9.05 pm to 5.07 am
Penzance 9.08 pm to 5.31 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		
Belfast	f	11	52	Guernsey	f	10	50
B'ringham	c	11	52	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	r	9	48	Jersey	f	11	52
Bristol	c	11	52	London	f	14	57
Cardiff	r	9	48	M'chester	c	8	46
Edinburgh	r	10	50	Newcastle	c	8	46
Glasgow	c	9	48	P'ddlnwy	r	8	46





High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.55	7.1	6.18	6.5
Aberdeen	5.29	9.9	6.13	3.8
Avonmouth	11.31	11.7	11.55	11.2
Belfast	3.04	3.4	3.44	3.2
Cardiff	11.16	10.8	11.40	10.4
Devonport	10.13	4.9	10.27	4.9
Dover	3.02	6.2	3.29	6.0
Falmouth	9.48	4.7	9.57	4.7
Glasgow	4.37	4.9	5.06	4.7
Harwich	3.52	3.9	4.15	3.7
Holyhead	2.13	5.3	2.49	5.0
Hull	10.25	6.9	11.02	6.7
Ilfracombe	10.11	8.3	10.35	8.1
Leith	8.47	5.1	7.25	5.1
Liverpool	3.09	9.0	3.40	8.8
Lowestoft	1.27	2.4	1.38	2.4
Margate	4.01	4.7	4.27	4.5
Milford Haven	10.29	6.3	10.55	6.2
Newquay	9.29	6.3	9.50	6.3
Oban	9.43	3.3	10.13	3.4
Penzance	9.21	4.9	9.36	4.9
Portland	11.09	1.7	11.25	1.7
Portsmouth	3.23	4.5	4.04	4.3
Shoreham	3.05	6.0	3.41	5.8
Southampton	2.48	4.3	3.27	4.2
Swansea	10.34	8.7	10.57	8.4
Tees	7.50	4.9	8.33	4.8
W'ton-on-Naze	3.46	4.2	4.05	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28084.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	0.3	.01	8	46	drizzle
Bridlington	2.0	.10	10	50	dull
Cromer	-	-	8	46	fog
Lowestoft	-	-	-	-	-
Clacton	-	.45	10	50	rain
Margate	-	.55	9	48	rain
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	-	.54	11	52	rain
Hastings	-	.31	13	55	rain
Eastbourne	0.4	.11	13	55	cloudy
Brighton	0.1	.01	13	55	cloudy
Worthing	-	.02	14	57	cloudy
Littlehampton	1.8	.03	16	61	cloudy
Bognor R	4.5	.04	15	59	cloudy
Southsea	9.2	.01	15	59	sunny
Sandown	8.4	-	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	10.1	-	13	55	sunny
Bournemth	11.0	-	15	59	sunny
Poole	6.0	-	15	59	bright
Swanage	11.3	-	13	55	sunny
Weymouth	10.9	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	3.6	-	11	52	cloudy
Teignmouth	5.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Torquay	2.4	-	11	52	bright
Falmouth	3.4	.12	10	50	bright
Bracombe	8.2	.01	10	50	sunny
Tenby	0.1	.07	11	52	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	5.6	-	10	50	sunny
Morecambe	11.6	-	11	52	sunny
Douglas	5.3	.06	10	50	sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	3.1	.02	15	59	rain
B'ham Airpt	1.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Bristol (City)	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Cardiff (Cwl)	5.7	-	12	54	sunny
Anglesey	8.8	.05	11	52	rain
S'pool Airpt	10.3	-	11	52	sunny
Manchester	8.9	-	14	57	bright
Nottingham	0.8	-	12	54	cloudy
N'cstl-o-Tyne	3.6	-	12	54	sunny
Carlisle	11.1	-	13	55	sunny
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Prestwick	2.7	.09	11	52	bright
Glasgow	3.6	.12	13	55	bright
Tiree	9.6	.16	10	50	sunny
Stornoway	11.2	.39	10	50	sunny
Lerwick	7.5	-	9	48	bright
Wick	6.7	-	10	50	bright

b-blue sky; bc-blow sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; sh-showers.
Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

The pound

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET
FT 30 Share
1365.3 (+7.4)
FT-SE 100
1628.8 (+6.2)
USM (Datastream)
119.50 (+0.82)

THE POUND
US Dollar
1.5520 (+0.0150)
W German mark
3.3585 (+0.0040)
Trade-weighted
76.4 (+0.5)

Wedgwood rejects £151m London International bid

By Richard Lander

London International Group, whose interests include health care and household and industrial products, yesterday made a £151.2 million takeover bid for Wedgwood, the Staffordshire-based fine china and earthenware manufacturers whose decorated plates, cups and teapots have graced dining tables around the world for more than two centuries.

LI is offering three shares for every two Wedgwood, equivalent to 333p a share, with no cash alternative.

Wedgwood's chairman and managing director, Sir Arthur Bryan, promptly dismissed the bid as quite inadequate and said that the interests of Wedgwood shareholders, employees and customers would be best served by the company remaining independent.

He drew attention to LI's comparative lack of experience in the fine ceramics industry, which it entered only in 1984 with the acquisition of Royal Worcester Spode.


Alan Woltz: proposes new-look management


Sir Arthur Bryan: keen to stay independent

Wedgewood shares, which have run up sharply on bid rumours, closed 28p higher yesterday at 368p.

However, LI can already lay claim to almost 25 per cent of Wedgwood's shares. It bought 9.99 per cent on Sunday night from Mercury Warburg, which has also pledged to accept the offer for its remaining 14.9 per cent holding.

LI's chairman, Mr Alan Woltz, said that if the bid succeeded Wedgwood would be merged with Royal Worcester to form the largest fine china company in Britain and one of the top three in the world. Both companies are based in the Potteries and rely on overseas sales for at least half their income.

Mr Woltz described Wedgwood as a fine company, but said it would be strengthened by the brand of financial management LI had introduced to Royal Worcester over the past 18 months.

This had centred on four areas – a totally restructured management, tighter financial controls, improved productivity and a more efficient sales and marketing operation.

However, he said there were unlikely to be many redundancies at Wedgwood, which, like all its competitors in the Potteries, slimmed considerably in the 1980s because of recession, high interest rates and a soaring pound.

Wedgwood, which made pretax profits of £15.1 million on turnover of £146.4 million in the year to March 1985, is considerably larger than Royal Worcester, where sales totalled £19.9 million

Bid likely for Duport

Takeover fever again gripped the engineering sector yesterday with confirmation that talks are taking place which could lead to an agreed bid by the fast-growing Williams Holdings for Duport, the Swish curtain rail and Vi-Spring bed manufacturer.

Duport shares gained 15p to 131p, valuing the company at £71 million.

Mr Brian McGowan, managing director of Williams, said: "It will have to be agreed or it won't be done.

Williams declined to say whether it had being buying shares in the market but it confirmed that any stake in Duport was still below 5 per cent. Williams' shares gained 5p to 680p.

'6,000 N Sea jobs at risk'

About 6,000 jobs are at risk as a result of North Sea exploration budget cuts following the oil price collapse. Drilling jobs particularly are in "severe jeopardy."

The warning comes in a survey by the Royal Bank of Scotland which points to a sharp decline in the number of development wells and an increase in the number of unused rigs in the North Sea.

82% jump

Ward White, the retailer which takes in Zodiac toy shops, Payless and Halfords, raised pretax profits by 82 per cent last year to just over £26 million. Sales increased from £244 million to £341 million. The dividend total rises from 5.694p a share to 6.50p. Tempus Page 23

Inchcape falls

Inchcape's pretax profit for the year to December 31, 1985 slumped to £46.2 million, 41 per cent below 1984's £78.9 million. Turnover was down 12 per cent to £1.8 billion. The dividend is unchanged at 18.15p. Tempus, page 23

Menzies up

John Menzies, the newsagent, lifted pretax profits from £17.1 million to £19.5 million in the year to February 1. Turnover was up from £505 million to £547 million, and the final dividend is raised from 2.25p to 2.7p.
Tempus, page 23

TI 'rising'

Mr Ronald Utiger, the chairman of TI Group, told the annual meeting in Birmingham that profits were still rising, but sales so far this year were only slightly ahead of last year.

Pound at $1.55 as dollar fall continues

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The dollar's fall continued yesterday, in spite of attempts to support it by the Bank of Japan and the West German central bank. The pound benefited from the dollar's slide, gaining 1.53 cents to $1.5520, its highest closing level in London since June 1983.

Later in New York, the pound was quoted at $1.5555. The sterling index rose 0.5 points to 76.4.

Most of the attention of the markets was, however, on the dollar/yen and dollar/mark rates. The Bank of Japan bought dollars in Far East trading to stem the dollar's fall against the yen.

In early trading in Europe, the dollar then began to fall sharply against the mark, dropping to DM2.15, from Friday's closing level of DM2.1825.

At this point, the West German central bank, for the first time since the Plaza agreement of the Group of Five finance ministers last September, began intervening to support the dollar.

The intervention, confirmed by Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the Bundesbank president, was estimated in the market at $200 million.

However, there was no sign of the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or the Bank of France joining in the intervention to stem the dollar's slide.

The Bank of France cut its money market intervention rate from 7.75 to 7.5 per cent.

At the close yesterday, the dollar was two pfennigs down on the day at DM2.1640, the mark helped by news that Germany's cost of living index for April was 0.1 per cent down on a year earlier. The dollar fell 1.5 yen to 167.20.

Woolworth 'lacks credible strategy'

By Alison Eadie

The £1.53 billion battle for Woolworth Holdings intensified yesterday when Dixons offer document attacked Woolworth's "lack of a credible retail strategy, lack of top retailing management, withdrawal from the high street and disappointing results".

Woolworth immediately hit back calling Dixons offer derisory and its retail plans "so vague and lightweight that they represent little more than an uninspired gamble."

At last night's closing prices, Dixons bid valued Woolworth shares at 688p, 152p below the market price of 840p.

Dixons main argument is that it has the management and retailing formula to make money out of Woolworth. It has detailed the transformation of Currys to prove that it can turn around a barely profitable high street empire with a large asset base.

Dixons said that within nine months of the acquisition every Currys store had been remerchandized. Electronic point-of-sale terminals have now been installed in all stores allowing margin and stock data to be available immediately.

Advertising stategy was reorientated and the organizational structure simplified resulting in a 25 per cent improvement in sales in the half year to November 9, 1985.

The Dixons chairman, Mr Stanley Kalms, believes the same retailing principles can be applied to Woolworth stores.

The Kalms formula is to achieve "optimum product density" in Woolworth stores in the three product groupings of home (kitchenware), entertainment (records and tapes) and leisure (gardens).

The Woolworth group chief executive, Mr Geoff Mulcahy, dismissed Mr Kalms strategy as lacking coherence. He said the new-look Weekend and General Woolworth stores, of which there respectively eight and 12 now trading, have a much clearer product related layout.

Mr Mulcahy also said that when his management team took over three and a half years ago there was no management information on stocks and buying methods.

Dixons criticized Woolworth for its lack of accurate and timely data on sales, stocks and margins, but Mr Mulcahy said that putting in such systems from such a chaotic start could not happen overnight.

Dixons listed 83 shop sites abandoned by Woolworth, which it claimed were prime sites now occupied by other major retailing groups including six Dixons and eight Currys stores.

Housing agents to merge

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

Hambros, the merchant banking group, is to become Britain's largest residential estate agent in a deal which involves the merging of two quoted estate agents, Mann & Co and Bairstow Eves.

They are to merge and form a new £167 million estate agency in which Hambros will have a 61 per cent stake valued at about £100 million. Hambros already owns 77.5 per cent of Bairstow Eves, a stake it acquired last month.

The merger will give the still unnamed new company 327 branches from the North to the South and West of England.

House sales are put at £1.65 billion with £267 million of mortgage business, a figure which Hambros says will grow to over £400 million. This compares with Lloyds Bank Blackhorse Agencies, which has 241 branches and house sales totalling £1.5 billion.

The complicated deal whereby Hambros makes a partial shares or cash offer for Mann & Co depends on the merger between the two estate agents being approved by shareholders. Both boards have agreed the move, which involves 536 Mann shares at 20p for every 1,000 Bairstow Eves shares at 5p.

Hambros and the senior management of Bairstow Eves speak for 98 per cent of the shares and have agreed to accept Mann's terms.

Hambros' offer for 47 per cent of Mann's existing share capital before the proposed merger involves a share offer worth 404p per Mann share with a cash alternative of 414p per Mann share.

Mann & Co's senior management will own 11.2 per cent of the merged company, with the public holding 15 per cent and Bairstow Eves' management 10.3 per cent. Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurance company will have a 2.5 per cent stake in the newly quoted estate agent. It is to underwrite the cash offer from Hambros to Mann shareholders.

Mr Charles Hambro, the chairman of Hambros, said: "We believe that the American trend towards the one-stop financial supermarket is beginning here."

Further agency acquisitions are likely and Hambros has not closed its mind to the idea of buying a commercial estate agent.

BT plans 15% price cut for big customers

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

British Telecom is planning substantial price cuts for its big business customers in a move which signals the start of a fierce price war with Mercury Communications, the Cable & Wireless subsidiary licensed by the Government to challenge BT's monopoly.

Stockbroking analysts said BT's plan could cost the company up to £200 million a year in profits. One called it "utter folly".

Details of the tariff cuts were given by Mr Paul Reevey, BT's head of national network marketing, at a meeting of BT's major customers in Birmingham two weeks ago.

But the plans have been kept secret until now for fear of upsetting the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel).

Members of the "Hundred Club", comprising BT's most valued customers and accounting for nearly a fifth of of the company's yearly revenue, were told they could expect to cut their phone bills by between 15 and 20 per cent a year by joining a special optional call plan.

The plan offers favoured customers with 20 lines or more substantial discounts on their local, trunk, and international calls in return for an annual facility fee.

The tariffs are intended to meet the threat posed by Mercury whose telephone service begins operating next month

A spokesman for BT refused to confirm the price cut offer

Oftel said that any discriminatory price cuts would be carefully scrutinized to see whether they threatened fair competition.

Court backs TSB float

Hopes rose yesterday that the Trustee Savings Bank would achieve its floation this year after the High Court in London ruled that although TSB customers owned their deposits and interest they did not own the bank.

The ruling was made against a claim by an English customer that the TSB was owned by its depositors who therefore had to agree to a floatation.

The English ruling comes after a similar one in the Scottish appeal court which overturned a decision implying that the customers did own the bank.

The Scottish case forced the TSB to postpone its launch from February because its plans are based on the idea that no one owns the bank.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1832.96 (–2.51)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	15757.93 (+50.59)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1848.65 (+14.03)
Amsterdam: Gen	267.5 (–3.1)
Sydney: AO	1208.9 (–3.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2134.7 (–58.5)
Brussels:	
General	616.10 (–51.54)
Paris: CAC	402.7 (–2.2)
Zurich:	
SKA General	n/a

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5520	$: £1.5520
£: DM3.3585	$: DM2.1640
£: SwFr2.8068	$: Index: 113.2
£: FFr10.7010	
£: Yen259.49	ECU £0.989287
£: Index:76.4	SDR £1.16950

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 10.50%
3-month interbank 10⅛–10⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 10⅜–10⅛%
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 8.50%
Federal Funds 6⅛%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.12–6.10%
30-year bonds 120⅝–120⅞

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Allied Lyons	315p (+4)
Beecham	413p (+5)
Blue Circle	673p (+7)
Boots	269p (+6)
P&O	556p (+13)
Stock Conversion	726p (+25)
Dupont	130p (+14)
Saville Gordon	89p (+5)
Tarmac	480p (+8)
Rotaflex	533p (+20)
Hopkinsons	275p (+23)
TI Group	557p (+24)
Logica	174p (+20)
Wedgewood	368p (+28)
Tozer Kemsley	156p (+16)
Really Useful	375p (+14)
Beatson Clark	231p (+23)
Mann & Co	380p (+20)
Connells Estate	290p (+25)
Standard Chartered	619p (+10)
Willis Faber	464p (+27)
Inchcape	358p (+15)
J Menzies	338p (+7)
Young & Co Brewery	280p (+35)

FALLS:

Phoenix Timber	88p (–12)
Wellcome	184p (–9)
Boosey & Hawkes	190p (–20)

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $344.40 pm-$343.15
close $344.50-345.00 (£221.75-222.25)
New York:
Comex $344.40-344.90

Extel shareholders reject £170m Demerger offer

By Cliff Feltham

Extel, the news and information group, has escaped the clutches of Demerger Corporation and its powerful supporters, Mr Robert Maxwell and Mr David Stevens.

The ambitions £170 million takeover bid from Demerger closed last night, having won the backing of 34.5 per cent of Extel shareholders.

The offer needed a 90 per cent vote of support and therefore collapsed. Demerger had hoped to get approval from 50 per cent of Extel shareholders to compel the board to cave in and recommend the bid. However, Extel appears merely to have survived the opening rounds in its battle for independence.

The combined holdings of Mr Maxwell, the Mirror Group, proprietor, and Mr Stevens, through his Montagu Investment Management group, account for about 21 per cent of Extel and a renewal of hostilities from either is considered a certainty.


Robert Maxwell: could be a bidder

Last night Mr Peter Earl, whose mini-merchant bank, Ifincorp, led the Demerger charge, put a brave face on his defeat.

"I am very disappointed, of course, but we were hit by a lot of last minute withdrawals. There must have been some very, very intense institutional lobbying.

"We had thought that we were well up into the 40 per cent acceptance level. However, the fact that we achieved 35 per cent acceptances seems to support the view that our proposals must have had some merit."

The assault from Demerger has put Mr Alan Brooker, chairman of Extel, under tremendous pressure. There has been criticism in the City of Extel's defensive tactics and there could be some calls for changes in the management structure of the group.

Mr Brooker said last night that, having seen off Demerger, he was now ready for Mr Maxwell if he decided to bid.

"We really hope that Demerger is the end of this affair, but Mr Maxwell has said that he might bid and we are as ready for him as we are for anybody else."

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Telecom lays it on the line for Mercury

British Telecom is plainly set on meeting Mercury's competitive threat head-on. Members of the corporations's "Hundred Club" comprising its top 200 customers, were told at a recent meeting in Birmingham that they could expect to cut the cost of their phone bills by 15 to 20 per cent under a special "optional call plan" that would be introduced for telephone users with more than 20 lines.

Only two weeks ago, Gordon Owen, Mercury's managing director, said that any attempt by British Telecom to compete with his newly-announced tariff structure would be the "height of folly" on the not unreasonable arguement that it would cost the privatized corporation more to compete with Mercury's prices than to ignore them.

Now British Telecom has come up with a way of offering big discounts to its major business customers, the ones Mercury aims to capture, while preserving its overall tariff structure on local, trunk and international calls. Even so, the optional call plan, which provides discounts on all calls (local included) to those prepared to pay a special annual "facility fee" is not going to cost BT much less than £200 million a year in lost profits, according to back-of-the-envelope calculations by analysts.

And the long-term implications of BT's decision to meet Mercury's competitive challenge head-on are worse. Mercury said yesterday that its cost base was so low that it had plenty of room for reducing prices even further, if necessary signalling the start of a downward spiral in prices for big telephone users.

Next September, Mercury plans to attack the medium to small business telephone market and the new service will become widely available to residential customers by the end of the year. Does British Telecom plan to offer discounts to these customers, too?

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of telecommunications, cannot be anything but delighted with BT's response, despite suggestions that he may attempt to stifle the discounts because they are discriminatory.

There was always a danger that, with Mercury aiming for no more than 5 per cent of the fast-growing telecommunications market by the end of the decade, a cosy duopoly would develop and the need for the introduction of fresh competition would emerge.

On the face of it at least, British Telecom seems determined that will not happen, despite the inevitable short-term damage to its share price which has already sunk from 272p in mid March to its present 238p.

A bumpy ride for ICI

Sir John Harvey-Jones was saying goodbye rather early yesterday. It was, to be sure, his last annual meeting as chairman of ICI, but he is not due to to hand over the helm to Denys Henderson until April 1, next year. And there could be plenty more significant instalments in the Harvey-Jones contribution to ICI before then.

His chairmanship has already proved a watershed. His predecessor, the strategic planner *par excellence* Sir Maurice Hodgson, had a long wait to bring his talents to the top and then found he had to cope with the short-term crises brought by the $2.40 pound and the ensuing slump. That experience gave the chemicals and plastics group a nasty turn. The vote for Sir John was a vote for change and a bumpy ride.

The most symbolic of those promised changes were the brutal abandonment of ICI's rather splendid pile on Millbank and sweeping away swathes of board and headquarters committees that had previously centralized investment decisions in the overall planning process. In the event, Sir John took a pragmatic view on buildings – there was a glut of interwar piles on the market at the time – and the board has merely gone into temporary exile

Axing the bureaucracy, however, has proved central to the transformation of ICI's image over the past four years.

The indirect effects have proved just as important. For that change aided Sir John's main aim. He sought to shift the heart of ICI away from the planning of supply to marketing, and to accelerate the trend towards speciality products with high added value that grew out of success in the likes of pharmaceuticals and Dulux paints. He acknowledges that making ICI "more commercially responsive" was central to his aims

The harsh action taken by Sir Maurice and the world recovery have certainly helped translate all this into the profit and loss account. In 1984, ICI became the first British industrial company to top £1 billion pretax profit.

Since then some of the traditional problems of chemical cycles have reappeared. North Sea oil from the now declining Ninian field has lately begun to behave like some of the old bulk chemicals and petrochemicals too. Oil profits dropped £50 million in 1985 and are still proving the Achilles heel this year.

Sir John still considers that the falling oil price should eventually be good for ICI as a whole if falling feedstock costs and increased economic growth outweigh the direct effect. But as noted at the time of the disappointing first quarter results, ICI is still waiting to see any upturn in slack European industrial production. Despite a more international spread, greater specialization and more accent on the final consumer, Mr Henderson will inherit a company that inevitably still relies to a considerable extent on the health of its customers.

Inside deal director fined £800

By Lawrence Lever

A former director of WH Smith was fined £800 and ordered to pay costs of £100 when he pleaded guilty to insider dealing at Guildhall, London, yesterday.

The prosecution comes soon after the Stock Exchange recruitment programme to strengthen its surveillance and insider dealing departments.

Mr Maurice Naerger, who worked for WH Smith for 38 years and resigned from the main board on May 31 1984 on grounds of ill health, bought 1,500 shares in Martin the Newsagent early that year for 152p each. At the time WH Smith had begun researching Martin with a view to launching a takeover, which emerged on May 2, 1984.

WH Smith pulled out when a rival bid was launched by Arthur Guinness and Sons. Mr Naerger sold his shares to Guinness at 350p, making a profit of almost £3,000.

Mr Simon Hornby, chairman of WH Smith, said later that Mr Naerger was at worst guilty of a technical offence. "It was a pure oversight, involving a tiny amount. Technically he was guilty

The company had "very strict in-house rules" stipulating that WH Smith directors could not deal in the shares of any company that it was researching, he said.

Mr Hornby added that there was no connection between Mr Naerger's resignation and the purchase of the Martin shares.

He confirmed that Mr Naerger no longer had any connection with the company and had exercised share options over 33,000 WH Smith shares when he left.

Treasury expected to relent on ADR tax

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr John Macgregor, is expected to announce today that the Government is to drop the controversial 5 per cent conversion tax on ADRs (American depositary receipts).

The tax, announced in the Budget and widely condemned in industry and the City, is likely to be replaced by legislation to be announced at the committee stage of the Finance Bill next month.

This will leave overseas users of ADRs – shares in British companies denominated in dollars and packaged in amounts familiar to United States investors – unaffected. But it will penalize those British investors who use ADRs to escape stamp duty.

Under the Treasury's new proposals, such investors will be identified and taxed directly on returns from ADR investment.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, has maintained that it was his intention to prevent abuse of the system, not to stop Americans holding shares in British companies in the form of ADRs.

ICI has campaigned strongly against the tax. Through ADRs American investors hold around 16 per cent of all ICI shares.

Addressing the company's annual meeting yesterday, the ICI chairman, Sir John Harvey-Jones, said that the tax, if introduced, would "put UK companies at both commercial and financial disadvantage opposite their foreign competitors".

Mr Macgregor's statement on ADRs will come during the second reading of the Finance Bill in the Commons today. The Bill will then move to the committee stage next Tuesday.

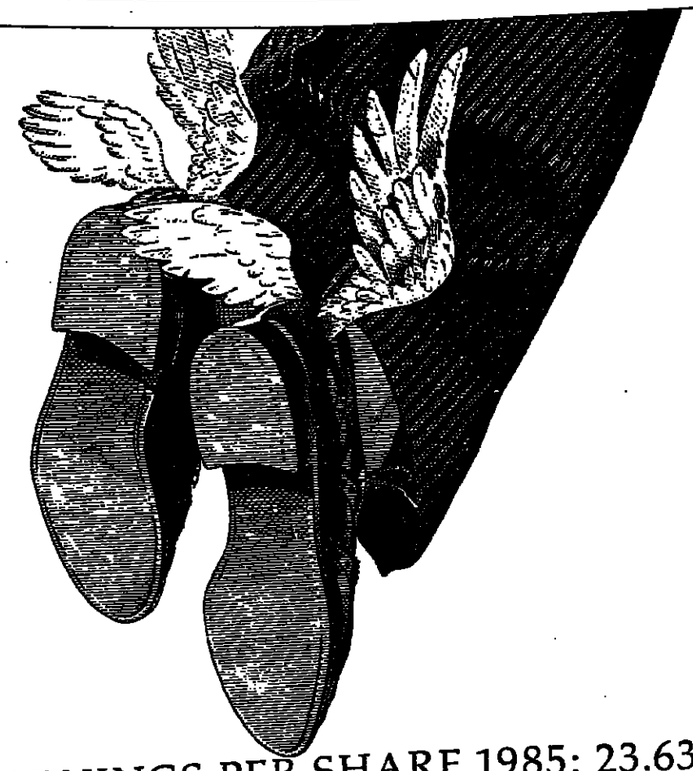
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT

The 148th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of MEMBERS of
THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
will be held on TUESDAY 20th May, 1986 at 2.15pm
in the HEAD OFFICE,
6 ST. ANDREW SQUARE, EDINBURGH EH2 2YA

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

J. M. MACHARG
General Manager and Actuary

6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
22nd April, 1986



EARNINGS PER SHARE 1985: 23.63p

In the last year our pre-tax profit has grown to £26 million. (Up by no less than 82%.)

Our earnings per share has grown to 23.63p. (Up by no less than 23%.)

And our dividend has grown to 6.5p. (Up by no less than 14%.)

Indeed, you could say we're a company on the up and up and up.

So what's our secret?

(After all, little more than five years ago we were a small Northamptonshire shoemaker.)

Is it clear strategic thinking? Or management expertise? Or just good fortune?

In our view, it's a combination of all three.

Around five years ago we formed a clearly defined strategy.

One which would take us out of a heavy dependence on manufacturing and into retailing.

Since then our management has developed, has taken opportunities and has consistently shown its ability to transform businesses.

IS THERE A SECRET BEHIND OUR MANAGEMENT'S SUCCESS?

At the same time, of course, we were fortunate in moving into retailing during a period of rapid growth on both sides of the Atlantic.

But what of the future?

Here's what our Chairman and Managing Director, Philip Birch, says in our results announcement.

"1985 has proved to be a year of exciting expansion for the Group both from existing and new businesses.

The joint development of our retail acquisitions and, in particular, the Payless DIY business, illustrates that the pace of expansion is being continued.

A good start has been made to the current year with sales running ahead of the previous year and I confidently expect another year of good progress for the Group."

As he says, throughout the business there is scope for organic growth.

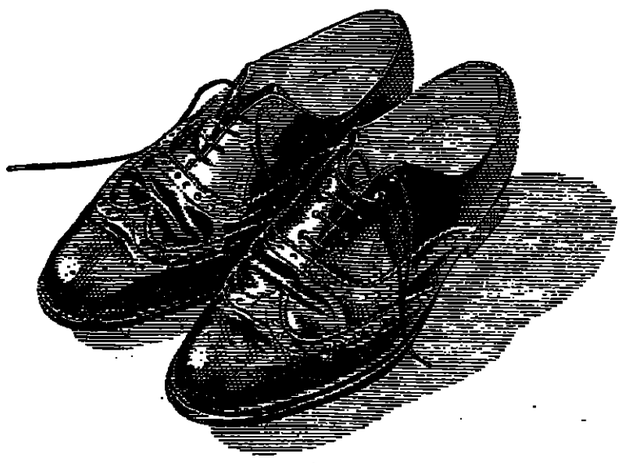
Halfords, Payless DIY, Owen Owen and Zodiac all have tremendous potential.

And we're confident that they will realise it.

Because even if there isn't a special secret behind our management's success, there is something else.

An increasingly successful track record.

EARNINGS PER SHARE 1981: 7.60p



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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Leaders make small gains as account opens on firm note

Stock markets made a quiet but firm start to the new account yesterday, with weekend press comment, takeover pursuits and company statements providing the main centres of activity.

Business was slow to get under way no doubt due to the early start of trading from 9am.

Gilts lost three quarters of a point as hopes of another early cut in interest rates faded ahead of the next set of money supply figures which will be released next Tuesday.

The FT 30-share index closed up 7.4 at 1,365.3 while the FT-SE 100 gained 6.2 to close at 1,628.8.

Leading industrials closed with small gains in the majority. **Boots** at 269p was up 6p and **Beecham** at 413p, up 5p, was supported on bid hopes.

P&O advanced 13p to 556p on last week's expansion. **Stock Conversion** which has rejected a 700p offer from P&O jumped 25p to 725p.

ICI shares were little changed at 921p after the annual meeting but **TI Group**, the subject of bid rumours from BBA Group, climbed 24p to 567p.

There were three new takeover situations for dealers to concentrate on in the early minutes. **Wedgwood** shares, a strong market of late, were hoisted 28p to 368p some 30p above offer terms from London International.

Duport climbed 14p to 130p on news of a possible approach from **Williams Holdings**, 5p up at 680p. **Saville Gordon** with a substantial stake in Duport added 5p to 89p.

Estate agents were excited by a **Hambros/Bairstow** bid for **Mann & Co** 20p up at 380p. **Connells** at 290p **Hanover Investments** 221p and **Abaco** 61p were marked up 5p to 25p in sympathy.

In buoyant insurance brokers **Willis Faber** advanced 27p to 464p on news that Morgan Grenfell in which the firm has a holding is planning a stockmarket quotation.

Blue Circle at 673p up 7p and **Tarmac** 8p better at 480p were both wanted ahead of today's results. **Pilkington** climbed 13p to 446p after press comment but an adverse mention knocked 12p from **Phoenix Timber** at 88p.

The mortgage price war continued to help **Barratt Developments** at 156p up 8p. **Rotaflex** in receipt of an unwelcome offer from **Emess Lighting** climbed another 20p to 533p. **Hopkinsons** celebrated a 17 per cent earnings expansion with a 23p jump to 275p.

In firm textiles **Lincroft Kilgour** jumped 30p to 200p as a large stakeholding changed hands. **Stroud Riley** shareswere marked up 12p to 110p in spite of the chairman's denial of bid approaches last week.

Motor Distributors again featured **Tozer Kemsley** at 156p up 16p on the company's expansion plans. **Kenning Motor** advanced 26p to 251p in sympathy while press comment lifted **British Car Auctions** 6p to 143p and **ERF** 8p to 50p.

Really useful Group improved 14p to 375p on hopes of a successful production of the Phantom of the Opera which begins in October. **S W Berisford** improved 9p to 255p awaiting bid developments and **Tesco** were a good market at 365p up 12p.

British Aerospace soared 21p to 550p after a brokers' meeting. **Harris Queensway** reporting early next month jumped 12p to 278p.

Wellcome with interim figures due on Thursday lost 8p to 184p, not helped by an adverse article in the *Wall Street Journal*. **Ratners** 154p, **H Samuel** 86p, **Thomas Jourdan** 258p, **Oakwood** 115p, **Ayreshire Metal** 62p and **Parion** 39p were best of the weekend press tips up 7p to 19p.

Martin Ford in receipt of several bid approaches rallied another 6p to 76p. **Ward White** at 310p and **John Menzies** 338p advanced 6p reflecting satisfactory results.

Two newcomers made very quiet debuts. **Jury Hotels** 113p recorded a 2p discount but **Splash** placed at 72p were quoted at 75p. Last week's issue **DY Davies** added another 6p to 188p helped by the Guildhall contract.

Continental Microwave shares were marked up 30p to 238p on the IBA contract. **Polly Peck** jumped 15p to 178p on rumours of a change of broker. The figures are due next month.

COMPANY NEWS

● **JENNERS, PRINCES ST, EDINBURGH:** A final dividend of 14p making 24p (20p) has been declared for the year to January 31. Turnover (figures in £000) rose to 18,930 (16,208) and pretax profit to 1,345 (1,187).

● **TMD ADVERTISING HOLDINGS:** The company is missing the interim dividend. Results for the six months to February 28 show (figures in £000) turnover up to 25,008 (20,076) and pretax profit to 417 (291). Earnings per share were 4.8p (3.2p).

● **ROCK:** Results for 1985 (figures in £000) show turnover increase to 6,172 (5,849) and pretax profit to 136 (73). No dividend (nil)is being paid. Earnings per share rose to 0.80p (0.44p).

● **JAMES BEATTIE:** A dividend of 2.65p (2.12p) has been declared for the year to March 31. Sales (excluding tax) totalled £46.29 million (£41.71 million). Trading profit was up to £4.55 million (£4.14 million) and earnings per share to 7.15p (6.15p).

● **HOPKINSONS HOLDINGS:** A final dividend of 5.5p making 7.5p (5.35p adjusted) has been announced with the results for the year to December 31. With figures in £000 group turnover was 65,803 (59,165) and operating profit 6,424 (5,389). Earnings per share rose to 25.08p (17.78p).

● **COLORGEN:** Results for the half year to December 31 (figures in $000) show turnover at 207. Loss per share was 7.6 cents.

● **UNITED CERAMIC DISTRIBUTORS:** Mr P S Battin, the chairman, says in his annual statement that with the introduction of new products and other factors improvement will continue for the rest of the year.

● **LOWLAND INVESTMENT CO:** Results for the six months ended March 31 include an interim dividend of 1.2p (1p adjusted). Income from investments totalled 525,038 (457,149) and revenue before tax was 499,093 (421,455).

● **PANTHERELLA:** A final dividend of 2.2p making 3.7p (3.3p) has been declared for 1985. With figures in £000 turnover was up to 4,608 (3,851) and pretax profit to 761 (656). Earnings per share rose to 11.20p (10.18p).

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Ward White strides ahead

Once upon a time Ward White was a sleepy Northamptonshire shoe maker desperately vulnerable to any change in buying habits.

Now it ranks as a solid international retailer with a key stake in Britain's booming do-it-yourself business.

Philip Birch, the chairman, has built up a faithful band of followers in the City used to seeing their expectations fulfilled. There seems no reason to think the future will hold any disappointment.

Last year's profits before tax rose 82 per cent from £14.3 million to just over £26 million, a bit more than the market had been going for. This reflected first time contributions from the Zodiac toy shop division of Maynards, and the Owen Owen department store chain. It is still early days for Mr Birch to get to grips with the businesses so there has to be some considerable scope for improvement, particularly at Owen Owen.

The results include a full year contribution from the motor accessories business, Halfords, likely to have improved by about 20 per cent.

Footwear retailing, once the lifeblood of the group, suffered a 25 per cent slip as customers held off buying because of inclememt weather, but the contribution now represents no more than 8 per cent of group earnings.

The furious rate of expansion has left the United States businesses now chipping in 24 per cent of profits compared with 45 per cent a short while ago.

The focus is now on Ward White's ability to generate a substantial improvement in performance from Payless, the chain of 65 DIY stores bought from Marley since the end of the year.

Even without the benefit of Sunday trading Payless should be able to turn in a 10 per cent improvement on its 1985 performance of £9.8 million, implying a group total for the present year of approaching £40 million.

Ward White has been commendably nimble-footed in picking up renegade businesses unwanted by previous owners either unable or unwilling to apply the financial expertise or cash to resuscitate them. Payless may have marked a watershed in its development at home.

Despite his critics, Philip Birch knows how much a business is worth. But from now on, he is more likely to seek acquisitions outside Britain. In the meantime the shares at 310p, up 6p on the figures, must rank as one of the most solid – if unfashionable – in the sector.

John Menzies

John Menzies, the Scottish newsagent, has gained a second lease of life from Early Learning, the chain of educational toy shops it acquired last year. It has ambitious expansion plans for opening outlets in Britain and in America.

Early Learning, which was included for only eight months of last year, made more than £1.5 million before interest, against less than £1 million in the whole of the previous year. This year should see an even larger contribution, despite the costs of opening stores.

At home Menzies plans to open 32 stores by October, with the eventual target set at about 200 shops. In the US the company has even more ambitious long-term plans although it is planning only 10 openings this year. The group made £19.5 million before tax last year, up from £17.1 million. Profits from wholesaling, which traditionally account for half the total, were down by 5 per cent and could slip further this year. Menzies claims that it is unable to distribute News International titles in the London area because of blacking by the print union Sogat 82, but it reports normal sales of *The Times* and of the other three titles outside London.

Although this year will be difficult, the medium term outlook is promising. The company says that the advent of *Today*, Mr Eddy Shah's newspaper, has increased the size of the market rather than taken business from existing newspapers. The traditional retailing business did well, increasing its selling area by 4 per cent. And the libraries' supplies business is also expanding.

Overall profits should rise to £21 million this year, making the prospective earnings multiple less than 14 with the shares at 335p. The shares are worth holding although bid prospects are dimmed by family interests.

Inchcape

Figures from Inchcape, the international merchanting group with interests ranging from tea plantations to car distributorships, were not good.

Some of the decline in profit and turnover was due to currency fluctuations, as the far-flung activities of the Inchcape group are vulnerable to exchange rate movements, especially the dollar.

Profit before tax was down 41 per cent to £46.2 million on turnover which was down 12 per cent to £1.8 billion.

Apart from currency, much of the deterioration in pretax profit occurred in South East Asia. Inchcape Berhad suffered a £30 million reversal from a profit of £17 million to a loss of £13 million due to the collapse in the Singapore economy and losses in B-Trak, a distributor of agriculture equipment for the timber industry in Malaysia.

There were, in addition, heavy write-offs to the tune of £12 million for redundancies and reorganization in Inchcape Berhad.

The contribution from tea nearly halved from £17.3 million in 1984 to £9.4 million in 1985.

It is clear that Mr George Turnbull, the group managing director who takes over from Sir David Orr as chairman in June, still has a major rationalization job to do.

Inchcape is still trying to do too many things.

To make sense of a group the size of Inchcape, the number of businesses and geographical areas that it is in should be reduced and clearly identified.

In 1986, the group will enjoy some benefits of rationalization at Inchcape Berhad. But business has fallen away in Singapore; consumer spending is down and motor demand is down. Currencies have also continued to move against the group this year. The strength of the yen and the weakness of the dollar is a lethal combination for Inchcape.

A pretax profit of £60 million in 1986 and a 60 per cent tax charge leaves the group on a multiple of over 12, high enough given the uncertainties surrounding the company's businesses and markets. And given that the price of 345p is above the asset value of 328p, a bid looks unlikely in the short term.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Abbott M V (180p)	215
Ashley (L) (135p)	208 +2
BPP (160p)	188 –2
Brookmount (160p)	253
Chancery Secs (65p)	85 +1
Conv 9% A 2000	£29⅝ –⅛
Cranswick M (95p)	103
Davies DY (155p)	188 +6
Dialene (128p)	185 +5
Ferguson (J) (10p)	28 +1
Gold Grn Trot (165p)	200 –3
Granyte Surface (56p)	85 +5
Inoco (55p)	48 +1
JS Pathology (160p)	268 –7
Jarvis Porter (105p)	140 –3
Klearfold (118p)	116 +1
Lee Intl (180p)	162 –1
Lexicon (115p)	suspended
Lodge Care (70p)	93
Macro 4 (105p)	141 –2
Marivate M (115p)	160
Norank Sys (90p)	118
Really Useful (330p)	375 +14
SAC Intl (100p)	137
SPP (125p)	151
Splash Prods (72p)	75
Templeton (215p)	210
Sigmex (101p)	72 –2
Snowdon & B (97p)	120
Spice (80p)	95
Tech Comp (130p)	222
Underwoods (180p)	181
Wellcome (120p)	185 –7
W York Hosp (80p)	73
Wickes (140p)	164 +3

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Bensons Crisps N/P	9
EIS N/p	18 –2
Greycoat N/P	244 +2
Hartwells N/P	3½
Intl Leisure N/P	7
Shara Drug N/P	55 +7
Turner & Newall N/P	36 +4

(Issue price in brackets).

Hoechst

RIGHTS ISSUE 1986

The Board of Management has announced an increase of the share capital to DM.2,743,752,800 by the creation of new Bearer Shares of DM.160,000,000 nominal value. DM.139,619,350 nominal of such new shares has been subscribed by a banking consortium and is being offered at a price of DM.270 per share of DM.50 nominal each, to the Company's shareholders, and holders of Option Warrants arising from the Sterling 10% Guaranteed Unsecured Loan Stock 1990 of Hoechst Finance plc, London, the 6¾% U.S. Dollar Loan 1979/89 of Hoechst Finance N.V., Amsterdam, and the 8% U.S. Dollar Loan 1983/93 of Hoechst Finance N.V., Amsterdam, on the following basis:-

(a) One new share of DM.50 for every 20 shares of DM.50 nominal.

(b) One new share of DM.50 in respect of Option Warrants covering the purchase of 20 shares of DM.50 nominal, such Bearer Warrants arising from the Sterling 10% Guaranteed Unsecured Loan Stock 1990 (issued in registered form) of Hoechst Finance plc, London.

(c) One new share of DM.50 in respect of Option Warrants covering the purchase of 20 shares of DM.50 nominal, arising from the 6¾% U.S. Dollar Loan 1979/89 of Hoechst Finance N.V., Amsterdam.

(d) One new share of DM.50 in respect of Option Warrants covering the purchase of 20 shares of DM.50 nominal, arising from the 8% U.S. Dollar Loan 1983/93 of Hoechst Finance N.V., Amsterdam.

The new shares (which will rank for dividends declared in respect of the business year 1986 and thereafter will rank pari passu with existing shares) are being offered on the terms of the Company's announcement dated April, 1986. Copies of this announcement, with an English translation thereof, are available on request at the office of the London Paying Agent, S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. Application for admission of the new shares to the Official List will be made to the Council of The Stock Exchange. Subscription rights will be traded on the main German Stock Exchanges from 30th April, 1986 to 14th May, 1986 inclusive.

LONDON DEPOSIT CERTIFICATES

In accordance with the terms of the Certificates, S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., as Depositary, will upon the request of holders exercise the rights attached to the deposited shares on the basis of:-

One new unit of DM.5 for every 20 units of DM.5 nominal London Deposit Certificates (at DM.27 per unit).

In the absence of such requests by 13th May, 1986, the Depositary will dispose of the rights attaching to the underlying deposited shares and will distribute the net proceeds to the holders of Certificates in proportion to their holdings.

PROCEDURE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Holders in the United Kingdom wishing to take up rights must lodge any of the following:-

Coupon No.49 detached from Bearer Share Certificates
Receipt D detached from 10% Loan Stock 1990
Receipt D detached from 6¾% Loan 1979/89
Receipt B detached from 8% Loan 1983/93
London Deposit Certificates for marking Square No.39

together with the relevant lodgement form during the subscription period from 30th April, 1986 to 16th May, 1986 inclusive between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) at the office of the London Paying Agent:-

S.G. WARBURG & CO. LTD.
Bond Department,
33 King William Street,
London EC4R 9AS
Tel: 01-280 2222 Ex. 2267

Holders of rights entitlements may instruct the London Paying Agent to buy or sell rights, on their behalf, to round their entitlements but in order to do so their forms must be lodged with S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. by 3.00 p.m. 13th May, 1986.

Lodgement forms are obtainable from the London Paying Agent.

Payment must be made in full on application and Temporary Receipts will be issued.

Holders wishing to make payment in Sterling should agree the applicable rate of exchange and the amount with the London Paying Agent.

Holders will be advised at a later date when the new Bearer Share Certificates are available to be exchanged for their Temporary Receipts.

S.G. WARBURG & CO. LTD.
London Paying Agent and Depositary.

29th April, 1986

SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

Comments by the Chairman – H. U. A. Lambert

Summary of Results — 1985

	Sun Alliance and Phoenix 1985 £m	Sun Alliance 1984 £m
Premium income		
General insurance	1,778.5	1,606.7
Long-term insurance	576.6	505.1
	2,355.1	2,111.8
Profit and loss account		
General insurance underwriting loss	(183.4)	(198.7)
Long-term insurance profits	20.9	18.4
Investment and other income	200.2	227.9
Group profit before taxation	37.7	47.6
Taxation and minority interests	10.0	10.6
Group net profit for year	27.7	37.0
Adjustment to exclude net loss incurred by Phoenix prior to acquisition	—	4.0
Profit attributable to shareholders	27.7	41.0
Dividend	34.5	30.6
Retained profits transfer	(6.8)	10.4
Earnings per share	14.0p	20.8p
Dividend per share	17.5p	15.5p

Territorial analysis General insurance	1985 Premium income £m	1985 Underwriting result £m	1984 Premium income £m	1984 Underwriting result £m
United Kingdom and Ireland	817.9	(69.9)	669.3	(83.2)
Europe	199.1	(30.8)	184.5	(11.5)
U.S.A. (note 1)	180.2	(18.0)	272.1	(35.0)
Canada	92.8	(17.8)	105.1	(16.2)
Australia (note 2)	66.5	(16.7)	53.6	(6.7)
Other overseas areas	120.8	(11.7)	141.0	(17.0)
Reinsurance	29.2	(14.8)	36.9	(22.0)
Marine and Aviation (worldwide)	153.0	(3.7)	144.2	(7.1)
	1,659.5	(183.4)	1,606.7	(198.7)
Reinsurance from Chubb Corporation (note 3)	119.0	—	—	—
	1,778.5	(183.4)	1,606.7	(198.7)

Long-term insurance	Premium income £m	Shareholders' profits £m	Premium income £m	Shareholders' profits £m
United Kingdom	405.7	19.3	360.0	16.7
Europe	136.3	1.1	114.4	1.2
Australia	22.5	0.1	16.8	0.2
Other overseas areas	12.1	0.4	13.9	0.3
	576.6	20.9	505.1	18.4

Notes:—
1. The U.S.A. figures for 1984 include the Phoenix's Continental pool business which was terminated on 1st January, 1985.
2. The 1985 results for Australia include the business of Phoenix Prudential (formerly an associated company) which became a wholly owned subsidiary with effect from 1st January, 1985.
3. Relating to anticipated future claims in respect of discontinued U.S. medical malpractice business.

A year ago my predecessor, in his final statement to shareholders, spoke of the first chinks of light to be seen at the end of the gloomy tunnel of unsatisfactory underwriting results which have oppressed the insurance industry for so long. I am glad to report that in several sectors of the market there are some encouraging signs of hardening rates leading to the prospect of improved profits for the Group. 1985 has, however, been another very difficult year in which some hopes have been deferred, and when considerable time and effort have been deployed in absorbing the Phoenix. In many respects integration has gone faster than we had anticipated; and although much remains to be done, the new management structure and organisation is in place, and operating well. There have been costs to be borne, both human and financial. An early retirement scheme has helped: but there have inevitably had to be redundancies if the benefits of rationalisation were to be gathered. Quite a few of our staff have had to move as a result of the reorganisation, and it is right to pay tribute to the loyal way in which they have accepted much inconvenience. The whole of the integration expenses, whether already incurred or anticipated, have been charged against the revaluation reserve.

At home, 1985 began with a spell of exceptionally cold weather which led to heavy claims in the personal sector account. There was a time when these misfortunes seemed to occur irregularly, even infrequently. The climatic pattern now appears to produce severe weather in most years, and in 1986 the coldest February for many years has followed the recent trend.

The Group is now one of the largest private motor insurers in the U.K. Unhappily, 1985 saw sharp increases in the frequency and cost of claims: there have been rate increases but there is no doubt that more are necessary.

It is satisfactory to record that the ending in mid-year of the Fire Tariff came in a strengthening market, which was greatly helped by the growing difficulty and cost of obtaining reinsurance.

Abroad, conditions were even more troubled with severe losses in the U.S., Canada, Australia and Holland. In the United States residual problems in the field of medical malpractice called for drastic action by Chubbs and, at the end of the year, as our accounts show, we wrote a special excess-of-loss reinsurance policy for them and provided for our own share of these losses from the past by means of a charge to reserves.

This form of liability insurance has, as a result of the ever more onerous awards made in the Courts, become so expensive that many professional people can no longer afford the necessary cover. The consequences of this trend would be less unsatisfactory if the payments made went to the relief of the persons suffering loss and did not to an unacceptable degree - in the United States at least - finish in the pockets of lawyers.

The result of these activities produced an underwriting loss of £183 million, which is marginally less than in 1984, and our investment income, which had to bear the financing burden of acquiring the Phoenix, as well as less favourable currency movements, fell to £200 million. In consequence the profit before tax is down from £47.6 million to £37.7 million, but this overall figure conceals the true measure of recovery from an exceptionally bad first quarter, and present trends give us some confidence that the bottom of the current cycle may have passed.

The Sun Alliance and Phoenix life operations were remarkably complementary. Integrating them has presented us with some problems, but also with considerable opportunities, and we are now well placed to face the future. Meanwhile our life profits show pleasing growth and, at £20.9 million before tax, are making a solid contribution.

We welcome the provisions of the Financial Services Bill to protect the investor in life assurance and unit trusts and I am glad to say that most life companies have supported the voluntary industry agreement on commission. The legislation will necessarily make the life assurance world a different place. The Government would be wise to ignore some of those who are advocating yet further controls, some of which sound like regulation for its own sake.

Dividend

In the past two or three years we have adopted stemer underwriting policies, which take time to bear fruit. Now with a more sober and realistic tone in many of our markets, we can feel hopeful that the exceptionally severe losses of recent times may abate and that only large scale catastrophes can prevent better trading results.

Through all the hard years of grievous underwriting losses our investment activities have consistently built up the Group's strength. In the past year most of the world's markets have been healthy and our overall position has never been more sound. In the coming years we shall begin to reap the benefits of the Phoenix acquisition, and we look forward with confidence.

Your Board has accordingly resolved to declare a dividend of 17.5p per share compared with 15.5p paid last year. Our dividend has been increased in real terms in each year since 1977. An interim dividend of 5.75p was paid in January and the final dividend of 11.75p will be paid on 7th July.

Conclusion

For a decade of inflation and of indiscipline and over-capacity in the markets, the world's insurance industry has endured a severe buffeting which has proved fatal to some companies and seriously weakened others. Where all have suffered few have had the soundness and resilience to emerge stronger both absolutely and relatively. The Sun Alliance Group is foremost among them.

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc will be held at 12.30 p.m. on 21st May, 1986 at the Head Office, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) — Wall Street shares moved higher in early trading yesterday after a weaker opening, as technology issues again provided mild support and bonds opened slightly higher.

Morgan Stanley shares jumped 1⅞ to 77⅝ after reporting that its net income rose $58 million (£37 million) from $17.8 million last year.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.10 points to 1,837.67. Advancing issues led declines five to four, on a volume of 9.6 million share

IBM rose ¼ to 159¾ and Anacomp was up ¼ to 6½, among the active issues. Philip Morris fell 2⅝ to 62¼.

The Dow transportation average was 0.49 points down at 811.46, and utilities were down 0.46 at 186.29. Stocks were 0.80 down at 713.04.

	Apr 25	Apr 24
AMR	58	57¼
ASA	37½	37½
Allied Signal	51½	51½
Allied Strs	40½	39½
Allis Chimrs	5¼	5¼
Alcoa	41	41
Amax Inc	14¾	14¾
Am'rda Hs	19½	19¾
Am Brands	87½	88¾
Am Brdcast	n/a	n/a
Am Can	72¾	72¾
Am Cynm'd	71¼	70½
Am El Pwr	27¾	27¾
Am Express	62¾	63¾
Am Home	85	84½
Am Hospital	n/a	n/a
Am Motors	3¾	3¾
Am St'nrd	43	41½
Am Teleph	24¾	24¾
Amoco	60¾	60¾
Armco Steel	10¼	9½
Asarco	19¾	20¾
Ashland Oil	51¾	50¾
At Richfield	53¾	53¾
Avon Prods	32½	32¾
Bkrs Tst NY	49¾	49¾
Bankamer	18¾	18¼
Bk of Boston	37¾	37¾
Bank of NY	67¼	67
Beatrice Fds	n/a	50
Beth Steel	19¾	19¾
Boeing	56¾	57¼
Bse Cascde	56¾	56¾
Birden	61¾	61½
Bg Warner	28¼	28¾
Brist Myers	77¾	76¼
BP	33¾	33
Burl'ton Ind	40	40
Burl'ton Nth	70¾	70½
Burroughs	62¾	61½
Cnsdtd Sp	57¾	57¾
Cal Pacific	13¾	13¾
Caterpillar	55¾	54¼
Celanese	207¾	204¼
Central SW	32	31½
Champion	26¾	26½
Chase Man	47¾	47¾
Chm Bk NY	54¾	54½
Chevron	39½	38¾
Chrysler	38¾	37¾
Citicorp	61¾	61¾
Clark Equip	22¾	22¾
Coca Cola	115¾	115¾
Colgate	39¾	40¾
CBS	134½	135
C'mbia Gas	38¾	37¾
Cmb'tn Eng	35¾	35¾
Commw Ed	33¾	33¾
Cons Edis	44	44¼
Cn Nat Gas	47¾	46
Cons Power	13	12¾
Cntrl Data	22	22¾
Corning Gl	79	78½
CPC Intl	67	67¾
Crane	n/a	46½
Crn Zeller	48¾	47¾
Dart & Kraft	55¾	55¼
Deere	32¾	32¾
Delta Air	47	46¾
Detroit Ed	18	17¾
Digital Eq	182¾	183¼
Disney	48¾	48¾
Dow Chem	55¾	55¾
Dresser Ind	18¾	18
Duke Power	41¾	41¾
Du Pont	79¾	79½
Eastern Air	8¾	8¾
Eastn Kodak	60¾	59¾
Eaton Corp	73¾	73¾
Emerson El	91¾	91
Evans Prod	n/a	n/a
Exxon Corp	57¾	56¾
Fed Dpt Sts	79¾	79¾
Firestone	24¾	24¾
Fst Chicago	31¾	31¾
Fst Int Bncp	64¾	64
Fst Penn C	8¾	8¾
Ford	80¾	82
FT Wachva	45½	45¾
GAF Corp	71¾	69¾
GTE Corp	50¾	52
Gen Corp	72	72¾
Gen Dy'mics	84½	84¾
Gen Electric	79¾	78¼
Gen Inst	22¼	22¾
Gen Mills	74	74
Gen Motors	91¾	91
Gn Pb Utr ny	19½	19¾
Genesco	2¾	2¾
Georgia Pac	32¾	32
Gillette	91	91½
Goodrich	40¾	40¾
Goodyear	32	31¾
Gould Inc	27¾	27¾
Grace	56¾	57½
Gt Atz & Tac	22¾	22¾
Gr'hnd	36¾	37¾
Grumman Cor	28¾	28¼
Gulf & West	59	59¾
Heinz H.J.	41¼	41¾
Hercules	49¾	49¾
H'lett-Pkrd	47¾	47
Honeywell	77¾	77¾
IC Inds	45	44¼
Ingersoll	63¾	64
Inland Steel	24½	24½
IBM	159½	157¾
Int Harvtr	n/a	n/a
INCO	14¼	13¾
Int Paper	58¾	58¾
Int Tel Tel	49	47¾
Irving Bank	54¾	55¾
Jhnsn & Jhn	68¾	68¾
Kaiser Alum	20¾	21½
Kerr McGee	29½	29¾
Kmb'ly Clrk	85¾	84¾
K Mart	46¾	46¾
Kroger	52¾	51¾
L.T.V. Corp	9	9
Litton	87¾	90¼
Lockheed	54¾	54¾
Lucky Strs	26	25¾
Man H'nver	56½	56¾
Manville Cp	3¾	3¾
Mapco	43¾	43¾
Marine Mid	55¾	55¾
Mrt Marietta	44¼	42¾
Masco	56¾	56
McDonnell	85¾	85¼
Mead	48¾	48¾
Merck	176¾	177½
Minsta Mng	104¾	102¾
Mobil Oil	30¾	29¾
Monsanto	62¾	61¾
Morgan J.P.	85¾	85¾
Motorola	49¾	49¾
NCR Corp	52¾	53
NL Indstrs	13¾	13¾
Nat Distlrs	41¾	42¼
Nat Med Ent	24¾	24½
Nat Smndrd	15¾	14¾
Norfolk Sth	91	92¼
NW Bancrp	38	38¼
Occidnt Pet	25¾	25¾
Ogden	29¾	29¾
Olin Corp	43¾	44¼
Owens-Ill	72¾	73¼
Pac Gas El	22¾	22¾
Pan Am	6¼	6¾
Penney J.C.	70¾	70¾
Pennzoil	48¾	49¾
Pepsico	91¼	93
Pfizer	61¾	63¼
Phelps Dge	26¾	27¾
Philip Mrs	64¼	65¾
Phillips Pet	10¾	10¾
Polaroid	63	62¾
PPG Ind	65¾	65¾
Prctr Gmbl	75	75¾
Pb S E & G	35¾	37
Raytheon	66½	64¾
RCA Corp	65¾	64¾
Rynlds Met	46	45½
Rockwell Int	48¼	48¾
Royal Dutch	78½	79
Safeways	36½	36¾
Sara Lee	61¾	61¼
SFE Sopac	35¾	35
SCM	n/a	n/a
Schl'berger	30¾	30¾
Scott Paper	58¾	57¾
Seagram	60¾	60¾
Sears Rbck	44¾	44¾
Shell Trans	48¼	48¼
Singer	52¼	51¾
Smithkln Bk	94¾	95¾
Sony	23¾	22¾
Sth Cal Ed	30	29¾
Sperry Corp	54¾	55¼
Std Oil Ohio	45	44¾
Sterling Drg	44¾	46¾
Stevens JP	34¾	34¾
Sun Comp	46¾	45¼
Teledyne	355¾	357¼
Tennéco	36¾	37¼
Texaco	33¾	33¾
Texas E Cor	31	30¾
Texas Inst	146¾	145
Texas Utils	33¾	33¾
Textron	64¾	64
Travlrs Cor	51¼	51
TRW Inc	100¾	99¾
UAL Inc	61¾	62½
Unilever NV	175¾	173¼
Un Carbide	24¾	24¾
Un Pac Cor	52¾	52¾
Utd Brands	24¾	23¾
US Steel	20¾	20¼
Utd Technol	51¼	51½
Unocal	21¾	22¼
Jim Walter	44¾	45¾
Wmer Lmbt	58	58½
Wells Fargo	93	93¼
W'nghse El	54¼	54¾
Weyerh'sr	37¾	37½
Whirlpool	72	70¼
Woolworth	78	79¼
Xerox Corp	98¼	98
Zenith	27¾	27¼

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	n/a	25¼
Alcn Alum	n/a	43¼
Algoma St	n/a	17¾
Bell Tele	n/a	31¾
Can Pacific	n/a	18¾
Cominco	n/a	13¼
Con Bathrst	n/a	26¾
Gulf Oil	n/a	n/a
Hlr/Sid Can	n/a	28¼
Hdsn B Min	n/a	32¼
Imasco	n/a	38¾
Imperial Oil	n/a	43
In Pipe	n/a	43¼
Mass-Ferg	n/a	335
Ryl Trustco	n/a	35
Seagram	n/a	69¾
Steel Co	n/a	26¾
Thmsn N 'A'	n/a	30
Wkr Hiram	n/a	36¼
WCT	n/a	13¾

e Ex div a Asked r Ex distribution b Bid t Market closed n New issue p Stock split. t Traded y Unquoted.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 25	Market rates close April 25	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5245-1.5375	1.5360-1.5375	0.48-0.47prem	1.27-1.24prem
Montreal	2.1179-2.1341	2.1297-2.1341	0.29-0.17prem	0.85-0.38prem
Amst'dam	3.7827-3.8275	3.7793-3.7853	1¼-1¼prem	4⅞-4¾prem
Brussels	12.3531-12.5348	68.18-68.40	15-10prem	48-34prem
C'phgen	12.3531-12.5348	12.3831-12.3905	3½-2¾prem	9-8¼prem
Dublin	1.0963-1.1166	1.1013-1.1023	4-12dis	8-24dis
Frankfurt	3.3834-3.3968	3.3485-3.3541	1¼-1¾prem	4¾-4½prem
Lisbon	212.46-224.44	217.27-220.58	170-415dis	435-1160dis
Madrid	213.13-215.97	213.13-213.80	15-55dis	85-105dis
Milan	2294.78-2350.13	2294.78-2304.71	4-8dis	11-20dis
Oslo	10.6987-10.7419	10.6987-10.6944	2¼-2¾dis	8¾-8¾dis
Paris	10.6360-10.8218	10.8752-10.7010	2¾-2¾prem	7¾-6½prem
Stkhlm	10.8099-10.8924	10.8059-10.8368	⅞-1¼dis	1½-2¼dis
Tokyo	257.88-260.95	258.82-259.37	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3½prem
Vienna	23.59-23.85	23.59-23.64	12¾-11¾prem	33¼-28¼prem
Zurich	2.7882-2.8385	2.8015-2.8089	1¾-1¾prem	4¾-4prem

Sterling Index: compared with 1975 was down at 75.9 (day's range 75.9-76.5).
Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10%
Finance House 12½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9
Week fixed: 11

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 10⅛, 3 mnth 10⅛ — Selling: 2 mnth 10⅜, 3 mnth 9⁵⁵/₁₀

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅝-10¹¹/₃₂; 2 mnth 10⅜-10²/₃₂; 3 mnth 10¹⁵/₁₆-10¹/₃₂; 6 mnth 9¹⁵/₁₆-9⁷/₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11; 2 mnth 10⅝; 3 mnth 10¹¹/₁₆; 6 mnth 10⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅛ close 9½
1 week 11¼-11; 6 mnth 10-9⅝
1 mnth 10⅝-10¹/₃₂; 9 mnth 9¹/₃₂-9¹¹/₁₆
3 mnth 10⅜-10⅛; 12 mnth 9¹¹/₁₆-9⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅛; 7 days 10⅝
1 mnth 10⅜; 3 mnth 10⅜
6 mnth 9¾; 12 mnth 8¾

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10⅝-10⅜; 3 mnth 10⅛-10⅜; 6 mnth 9¾-9⅝; 12 mnth 9⅛-9

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.75-6.70; 3 mnth 6.70-6.65; 6 mnth 6.65-6.60; 12 mnth 6.75-6.70

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	7⅜-6⅝
7 days	6¾-6¹¹/₁₆	1 mnth	6¹⁵/₁₆-6¹³/₁₆
3 mnth	6⅞-6¾	6 mnth	6¾-6⅝
* Deutschemark		call	4¼-3⅝
7 days	4¹⁵/₁₆-4¹³/₁₆	1 mnth	4¹¹/₁₆-4⁹/₁₆
3 mnth	4⁵/₁₆-4⅜	6 mnth	4¼-4⅛
French Franc		call	8¼-7⅞
7 days	7¼-7⅛	1 mnth	7¹³/₁₆-7¹¹/₁₆
3 mnth	7⅛-7	6 mnth	7¼-7⅛
Swiss Franc		call	2¼-1⅞
7 days	12-11½	1 mnth	4¾-4½
3 mnth	4¼-4⅛	6 mnth	4⅛-4
Yen		call	5¼-4¾
7 days	5¹/₁₆-5	1 mnth	5¹/₁₆-4¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth	4⅝-4¾	6 mnth	4¾-4⅝

GOLD

Gold: $344.75-345.25
Krugerrand* (per coin): $346.00-347.50 (£225.75-226.75)
Sovereigns* (new): $ 81.50-82.50 (£53.25-54.00)
*Excludes VAT

TREASURY BILLS

Applics: £407.2m — allotted: £100m
Bids: £97.545% — received: 100%
Last week: £97.8% — received: £
Avge rate: £9.8470% — last wk £9.8031%
Next week: £100m — replace £100m

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Jun 86	90.30	90.45	90.30	90.43	5402
Sep 86	91.00	91.14	91.00	91.09	726
Dec 86	91.19	91.29	91.26	91.26	181
Mar 87	91.20	91.30	91.20	91.29	41
Jun 87	91.10	91.21	91.10	91.16	12
Sep 87	N/T			90.93	0

Previous day's total open interest 18312

Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 86	93.13	93.23	93.20	93.20	3368
Sep 86	93.14	93.22	93.11	93.21	3022
Dec 86	93.09	93.11	93.01	93.09	583
Mar 87	92.86	92.90	92.78	92.87	156

Previous day's total open interest 19544

US Treasury Bond					
Jun 86	99-23	100-05	9	99-14	11620
Sep 86	98-15	98-16	9	98-19	7
Dec 86	N/T			97-28	0

Previous day's total open interest 8111

Short Gilt					
Jun 86	103-25	103-30	103-18	103-25	285
Sep 86	N/T			103-45	0
Dec 86	N/T				

Previous day's total open interest 1161

Long Gilt					
Jun 86	126-18	127-07	126-18	126-25	9040
Sep 86	126-25	127-12	126-29	127-01	40
Dec 86	N/T			127-00	0
Mar 87	N/T			127-00	0

Previous day's total open interest 13659

FT-SE 100					
Jun 86	164.00	164.00	162.10	162.70	385
Sep 86	164.80	164.80	164.10	164.80	7

Previous day's total open interest 1804

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.2629-1.2884
Australia dollar	2.0890-2.0925
Bahrain dinar	0.5760-0.5800
Brazil cruzado*	21.01-21.15
Cyprus pound	0.7610-0.7710
Finland markka	7.6385-7.6795
Greece drachma	211.70-213.70
Hong Kong dollar	11.852-11.955
India rupee	19.65-19.86
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4360-0.4480
Malaysia dollar	3.9383-3.9441
Mexico peso	780.0-830.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6273-2.6362
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5810-5.5920
Singapore dollar	3.8437-3.8491
South Africa rand	3.1218-3.1302
U A E dirham	5.5110-5.5510

The prices and unit trust quotations on this page refer to Friday's trading

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3720-1.3740
Singapore	2.1905-2.1925
Malaysia	2.5900-2.5920
Australia	0.7300-0.7307
Canada	1.3660-1.3670
Sweden	7.0700-7.0750
Norway	6.9800-6.9850
Denmark	8.1050-8.1100
West Germany	2.1895-2.1910
Switzerland	1.8290-1.8310
Netherlands	2.4680-2.4700
France	7.0125-7.0175
Japan	169.05-169.15
Italy	1502.0-1505.0
Belgium(Comm)	44.60-44.70
Hong Kong	7.7650-7.7670
Portugal	145.25-146.25
Spain	139.00-139.20
Austria	15.32-15.36

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (Raw)
FOB

May	188.0-85.6
Aug	192.0-91.8
Oct	193.0-92.8
Dec	197.4-96.2
March	199.4-69.0
May	204.0-02.0
Vol:	755

COCOA

May	1350-49
July	1395-93
Sept	1355-51
Dec	1350-39
March	1420-17
May	1497-95
July	1455-50
Vol:	4580

COFFEE

May	2265-57
July	2320-18
Sept	2369-67
Nov	2420-10
Jan	2465-40
March	2485-70
May	2510-490
Vol:	3628

SOYABEAN

June	26.00-26.8
Aug	23.00-23.5
Oct	23.50-24.2
Dec	24.50-25.5
Feb	Unquoted
April	27.50-30.0
June	28.00-31.0
Vol:	21

GAS OIL

May	147.50-47.25
June	131.50-31.25
July	126.50-26.25
Aug	126.50-28.00
Sept	127.50-27.00
Oct	128.00-27.50
Nov	131.00-28.50
Dec	133.50-33.25
Jan	137.00-35.00
Vol:	3362

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures

Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	931.0-932.0
Three months	
Vol	1250
Tone	Quiet

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	929.0-931.0
Three Months	
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

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Cash	Suspended
Three Months	
Vol	
Tone	

LEAD

Cash	240.0-241.0
Three Months	247.5-248.5
Vol	600
Tone	Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	400.0-410.0
Three Months	
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	492.5-493.0
Three Months	443.0-444.0
Vol	1600
Tone	Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	330.0-331.0
Three Months	337.0-338.0
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	330.0-331.0
Three Months	337.0-338.0
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	782.0-783.0
Three Months	758.0-759.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	117.45	112.00
July	115.95	Nil
Sept	100.10	97.90
Nov	103.00	101.20
Jan	106.10	104.50
March	108.80	107.20
Volume:		
Wheat	885	
Barley	166	

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE

Vol: 14700
Tone: Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	2580-2600
Three Months	2640-2650
Vol	36
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 25

GB: Cattle, 97.78p per kg lw (-0.01)
GB: Sheep 268.36p per kg est d o w (-0.52)
GB: Pigs, 77.00p per kg lw (-1.07)

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 5.2 %, ave. price, 97.45p(+0.45p) up
Sheep nos. up 0.7 %, ave. price, 270.59p(-0.29)
Pig nos. up 13.9 %, ave. price, 77.00p(-1.07)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 36.0 %, ave. price, 99.20p(-0.99)
Sheep nos. up 61.8 %, ave. price, 253.57p(+4.19)
Pig nos. %, ave. price.

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
May	169.0	176.0
Nov	105.0	109.9
Feb	105.0	109.8
April	135.0	135.5
May	144.0	147.0
		Vol: 1397

Pig Meat p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
May	103.0	103.3
June	102.0	102.5
July	101.5	101.8
Aug	101.5	101.2
Sept	107.0	107.0
Oct	109.0	109.0
Nov	110.5	110.3
Jan	101.5	102.0
Feb	102.0	101.5
March	102.5	102.0
		Vol: 0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE

Beef Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
May	187.0	187.0
June	187.0	188.0
July	184.0	184.0
Aug	183.0	183.0
Sept	181.0	Unq'ted
		Vol: 9

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

2 per tonne

Month	Open	Close
May	169.0	176.0
Nov	105.0	109.9
Feb	105.0	109.8
April	135.0	135.5
May	144.0	147.0
		Vol: 1397

RIFFEX

G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point
Freight Index

	High/Low	Close
Apr 86	977.0-968.0	968.5
Jul 86	697.0-691.0	692.0
Oct 86	721.0-720.0	722.5
Jan 87		736.0
April 87	795.0-795.0	792.0
Jul 87		720.0
Oct 87	798.5-798.5	796.0
Jan 88		800.0

Spot: 667.0
Vol: 136 lots

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
116	94	Alliss	115		3.1b	2.7	44.6
171	883	Alliance	168	● -4	22.0	13.0	91.9
149	121	Amer Trust	148		4.4	3.1	38.8
358	286	Ang Amer Sec	350		8.9	2.5	95.1
180	149	Ashdown	180		4.4	2.4	57.8
122	107½	Atlantic Assets	120		0.6		
120	96	Bankers	117	● -3	3.9b	3.3	44.0
240	208	Barry	237	+1	1.56	0.6	
65½	50	Br Assets	59½	● +½	2.7	4.5	51.3
53	37	Br Empire Sec	52		2.0	3.8	51.9
448	364	Br Inv	436	+6	21.9b	4.8	38.7
101	82	Brunner	100		3.1	3.1	44.6
107	85	Cedar Agency	107		3.5	3.2	30.3
755	635	Continental	755		30.0b	3.8	21.1
220	139	Crescent Japan	217	+1	0.5	0.2	
138	106	Derby Inv	138		12.0	8.7	16.5
364	314	Drayton Cons	360	+2	14.5	4.0	36.4
187	154	Drayton Far East	186		1.8	0.9	
238	209	Drayton Japan	237		1.4	0.6	
111	92	Drayton Premier	111		11.7	10.5	9.5
205	176	Dundee Lon	204		7.7	3.8	35.4
117	100	Edin Amer Asset	106	-3	0.9	0.8	24.4
156	112	Edinburgh	142½	+½	4.7	3.2	22.9
372	284	Electric Ass	372		5.6b	1.5	66.2
152	126	English Int	150		5.0	3.3	44.4
93	76	English Scot	92		2.6b	2.2	55.1
131	110	English NY	130	●	3.6	2.8	68.0
145	119	Ensign	141	●	2.5	1.8	57.5
107	85	F E C Alliance	105	-2	2.5	2.4	62.2
190	142	F & C Pacific	185	● -4	2.1	1.1	70.9
280	222	Fleming Far East	272	● +4	11.5	4.2	31.7
249	207	First Scot Amer	244	+1	14.0	5.7	30.0
120	96	First Un Gen	110		8.7	7.9	9.3
558	488	Fleming American	550	-3	8.2	1.5	68.8
182	145	Fleming Capital	180		5.0	2.8	36.0
345	284	Fleming Enterprise	340		12.9b	3.8	41.8
124	84½	Fleming Far East	122	+1	1.5	1.2	
139	109	Fleming Fledgling	136	-1	3.6	2.6	92.5
277	225	Fleming Japan	277	● -1	3.5	1.3	
147	125	Fleming Mercantile	145½	● -1	5.1	3.5	37.9
147	123	Fleming Overseas	146	-1	3.9	2.6	66.4
162	143	Fleming Tech	158		3.3	2.1	67.2
288	232	Fleming Universal	288	-5	9.5	3.2	47.5
90½	68	For Co	90		2.5	2.8	47.6
109	82	GSC Capital	108				
178	118	GT Japan	176		2.0b	1.1	
282	225	General Funds	282	●	2.9	1.0	97.7
315	275	General Cons	313	-2	15.9	5.1	27.5
116	94	Glas'w Stock	116		3.1b	2.7	44.6
139	118	Glasgow	138		4.3	3.1	38.8
147	127	Gowrie Assets	146		4.4	3.1	38.8
148	138	Gowrie Dollar	148		4.4	3.1	38.8
231	184	Gowrie Strategy	230	+2	6.1	2.2	64.8
260	230	Greenfriar	260		5.4	2.1	67
250	230	Grosvenor House	245		8.3	2.6	29.9
198	158	Hampros	197	-5	6.1	3.3	43.6
295	255	Hill Sam	295		12.5	4.6	30.5
540	540	Invest in Success	540		13.0	2.4	68.9
284	244	Inv Cap	281		8.8	3.1	75.8
50	45	Japan Assets	50		0.1	0.2	
81	69	Jupiter Income	81		5.9	7.3	27.9
78	68	Lon Merchant Sec	78		3.2	3.2	15.6
71	61	Lon Trust	68	+1	3.1b	3.5	33.1
138	102	Merchants	138	● +1	6.1b	5.1	31.7
142	110	Monks	140		7.0b	3.4	18.8
157	128	Murray Income	156		7.7b	4.9	25.8
164	137	Murray Int	161	●	7.1b	4.4	34.3
214	215	Murray Smlr	205		8.3b	3.9	
205	169	Murray Venture	205	●	10.0b	4.9	21.5
430	350	New Court	430		21.3	4.9	30.4
49	49	New Darien Ord	49		0.9	1.8	24.9
198	158	Nth Atlantic	198		6.7	3.4	30.4
56½	56½	Nthrop Inc 85	56½		2.5b	4.2	23.3
248	185	New Tokyo	230		1.1	0.5	
328	278	Nth Atlantic Sec	321		4.9	1.5	68.4
81	60	Nth Sea Assets	80		0.7	1.3	69.8
262	210	Nth Amer	248		7.7	3.1	30.6
178	145	Outwich	178		4.4	2.5	45.7
77	66	Pacific Assets	77	●	1.0	1.3	92.8
57	57	Do Wrnts	56				
57	57	Personal Assets	56		2.5	4.5	
408	338	Raeburn	408		15.0	3.5	40.6
188	147	River & Merc	188		5.6	3.1	31.1
117	88	Second Alex Pfds	115		12.1	4.6	22.3
247	207	Rotheo	242	-1			
225	181	Rothco	225				
305	287	Romney	305		7.1	2.3	46.7
213½	213½	Rowntr	213½				
116	116	St Andrews	116	+1	3.1	4.4	9.3
348	297	Scottish	348		8.8	2.5	52.7
307	273	Scot American	305		9.5b	3.2	42.6
115							

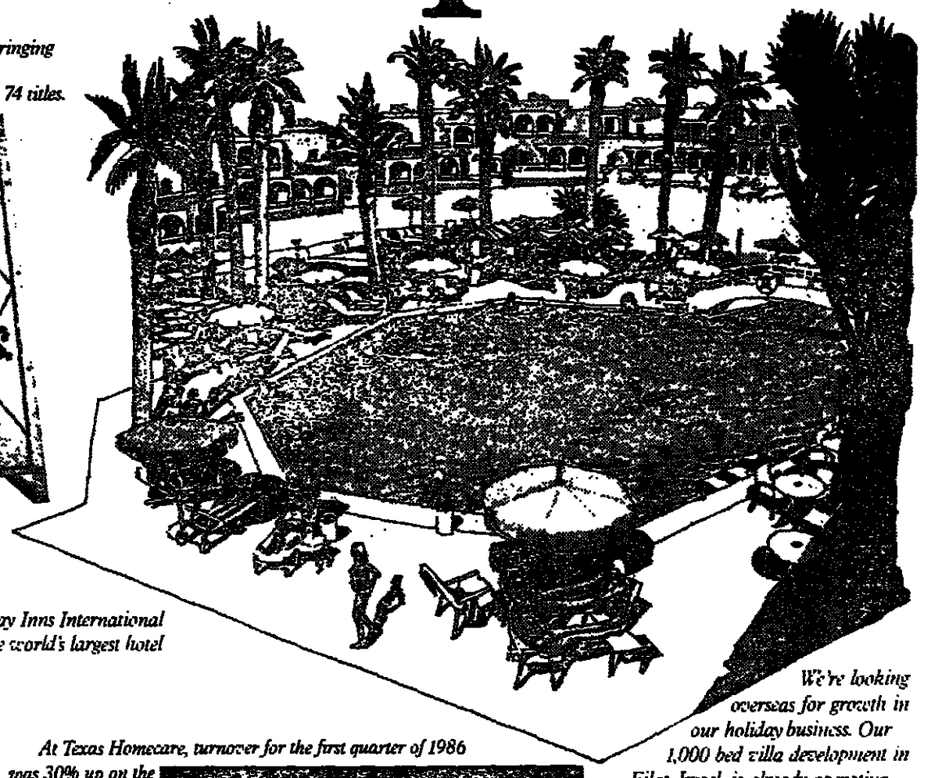
Ladbroke. The Far From Leisurely Leisure Group.



Some of the most breathtaking modern architecture is seen in the new shopping centres. Ladbroke are leading the way with this 100,000 sq.ft. development covered by a giant glass atrium.

Our investment in publishing is bringing good results. With the recent acquisition of Seneca we now own 74 titles.

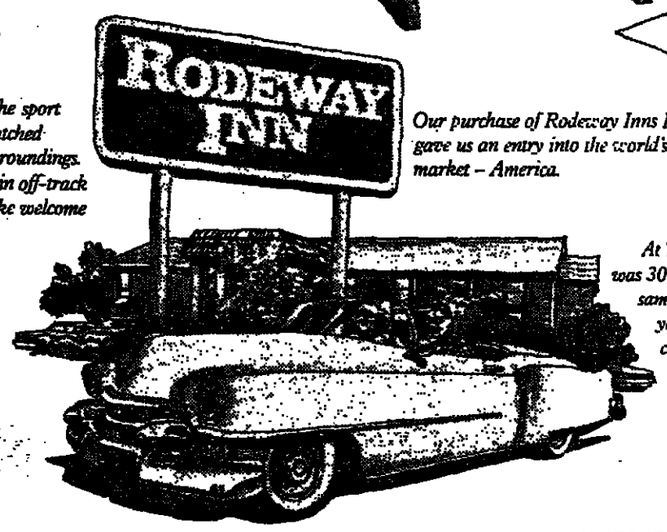




We're looking overseas for growth in our holiday business. Our 1,000 bed villa development in Eilat, Israel, is already operating very successfully. A similar development in Lanzarote has just opened.

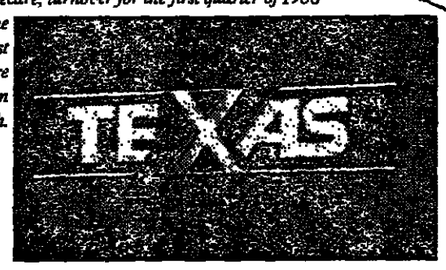
Thanks to new legislation, the sport of kings can now be watched in more palatial surroundings. As world leaders in off-track betting, Ladbroke welcome the changes.





Our purchase of Rodeway Inns International gave us an entry into the world's largest hotel market – America.

At Texas Homecare, turnover for the first quarter of 1986 was 30% up on the same period last year, so we're coming in on a high.



With the acquisition of Home Charm last week, Ladbroke made sure that 1986 is going to be even more exciting than 1985.

Last year we made record profits of £75 million – 50% up on 1984.

Our three core businesses all performed well.

Hotels, property and racing achieved a combined increase in pre-tax profit of 42% while the entertainments division boosted its profit contribution by 35%.

Last year was certainly a high point in Ladbroke's history and the future has never looked more exciting.

Trading under the Texas Homecare brand name, Home Charm is one of the top two DIY chains in Britain.

It owns 136 superstores and during 1986 we plan to open 21 new ones.

Ladbroke Hotels are now one of the top two hotel chains in Britain and growing fast.

We've recently opened new hotels at Swansea, Livingston and Basingstoke and we're currently building at Manchester Airport and Portsmouth.

In London we're relaunching the Curzon in Mayfair and the Sherlock Holmes in Baker Street (where else?).

Because our hotel business caters primarily for the businessman who has to travel we're less dependent on tourism than many hotel groups.

By next winter we'll have invested £15 million bringing the 22 hotels we bought from the Comfort Group up to Ladbroke standards. (And need we say it, Ladbroke profitability.)

Our racing division had an outstanding year in 1985 and with over 1,500 shops in the U.K. we increased our share of the off-track betting market to over 21%.

In Belgium we own over 800 betting shops and last year we bought a race course in Michigan.

(When legislation allows off-track betting, we'll be ready for the off.)

In Holland, we've recently been granted an initial, 20 year exclusive licence to carry out betting, on and off-track.

But the most pleasing development happened here in Britain earlier this year.

For the first time, betting shops were allowed to show live TV and satellite coverage of sporting events and to provide new facilities for their customers.

We have already invested in the most modern communication and computer technology to give our clients a service that's second to none.

Our U.S.A. properties are establishing a substantial rental stream and valuable assets.

Here in Britain, we're concentrating on the retail sector with major new schemes in Maidstone, Birmingham, and Bristol and out of town developments in Crayford, Hendon and Cwmbran.

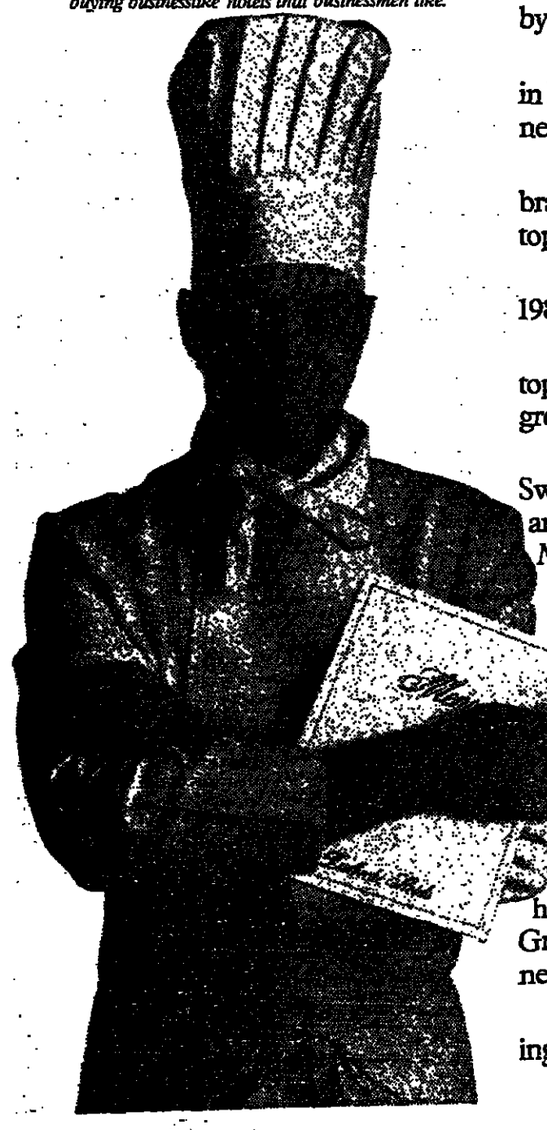
With leisure-time spending projected to increase by 8.5% in 1986, the entertainments division is also expecting to do well; publishing is expanding, holiday bookings are ahead of 1985 levels and Laskys is again expected to improve its performance.

As you can see from this brief look at our activities, the future looks far from leisurely.

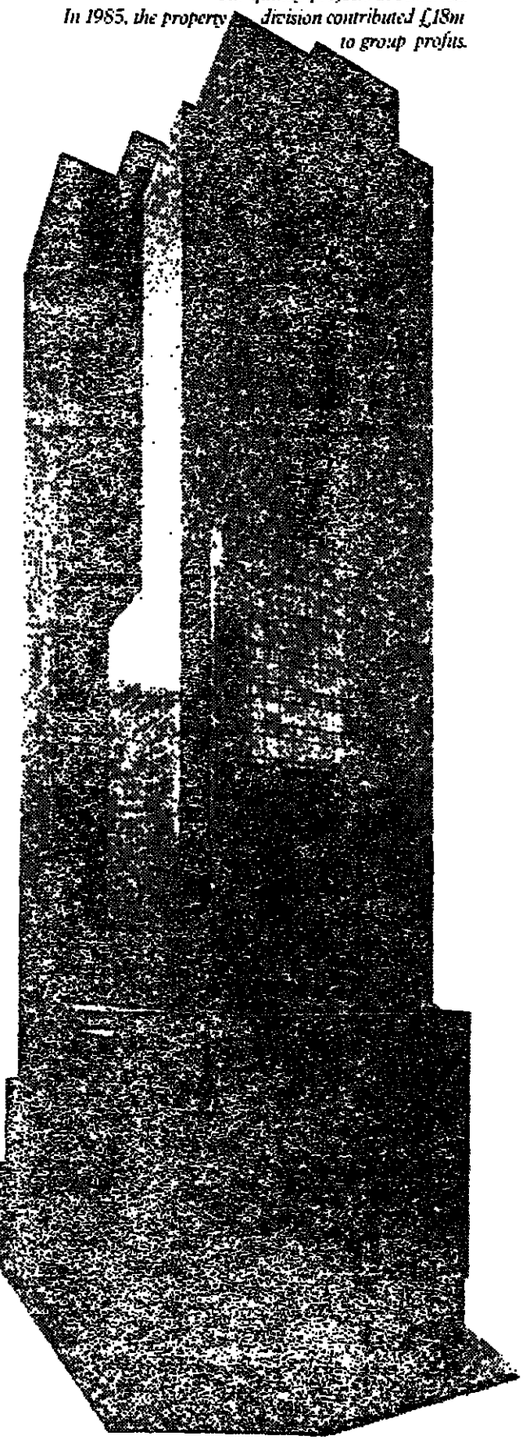
And that's exactly the way we like it.

Ladbroke.

What's smarter? Owning hotels where people want to stay or where they have to stay? We've become one of the top two hotel chains in Britain by building and buying businesslike hotels that businessmen like.



This is Manhattan Tower, a 275,000 sq.ft. 35-storey Ladbroke development in the heart of New York City. It's high rise and high rent and typical of our quality projects in America. In 1985, the property division contributed £18m to group profits.



One of a series of advertisements from Ladbroke Group PLC.

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One-terminal simplicity at Heathrow to and from South Africa

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For air travellers connecting with other airports throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe, SAA offer one-terminal simplicity at Heathrow Terminal 1. Whether you're flying to South Africa. Or flying back.

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APPOINTMENTS

The English Trust Group: Mr Michael Todhunter has been appointed managing director of the group and of the English Trust Company. He succeeds Mr Christopher Spence, who is to become deputy chairman of both companies.

Johnson Matthey: Mr W J Quindlen becomes president of the catalytic systems division. Other appointments in the restructuring include: Materials technology division: Mr B S Cooper to be divisional director; Mr J W E Pennington managing director (Europe); Mr E J Grosso, executive vice-president (North America); Mr M Brown managing director (Pacific); Mr K E Davies managing director (South Africa); and Mr D G Titcombe projects director. Precious metals division: Mr D V Viollet to be director, platinum marketing; Mr G G Fisher director, precious metals refining. Colours and printing division: Mr D M Lloyd to be divisional director; Mr R Gooch operations director.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.50%
Adam & Company	10.50%
BCC1	10.50%
Citibank Savings†	10.75%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Continental Trust	10.50%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hoare & Co	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
Nat Westminster	10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	10.50%
Citibank NA	10.50%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

ENGELS-HOLLANDSE BELEGGINGS TRUST N.V. (English and Dutch Investment trust) Established in Amsterdam.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual general Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Tuesday 20th May 1986 at 14.30 hours at the offices of the Company, Keizersgracht 674 Amsterdam.
Shareholders wishing to attend the general meeting of the Company must deposit their shares not less than seven days before the meeting with Hollandse Koopmansbank N.V. Keizersgracht 674 Amsterdam or with Hill Samuel and Co. Limited, 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. A deposit certificate will be issued to such shareholders which, upon surrender, will entitle them to vote at the meeting.
Holders of Shares registered with the Company in its shareholders' Register must inform the Board of Managing Directors in writing at least four days prior to the meeting that they intend to attend the meeting in person or by proxy.
Holders of participatie Certificates issued by Royal Exchange Assurance who wish to attend and vote at the meeting must contact the Trust Department of Royal Exchange Assurance, 68 King William Street, London EC4N 7BU at least ten days before the meeting.
Royal Exchange Assurance is prepared to issue a power of attorney for the same number of shares held in trust as the certificate holder shall have deposited with Royal Exchange Assurance.
Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1985 and of the Resolutions to be put before the meeting are available at the offices of the above named.
By order of the Board
HOLLANDSE KOOPMANSBANK N.V
MANAGEMENT
AMSTERDAM
29th April, 1986

German inflation rate 'will be 32-year low'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

West Germany will have strong growth this year and the lowest inflation rate for more than 30 years, according to a forecast published yesterday by the country's five leading economic research institutes.

The institutes predict 3.5 per cent growth this year, despite an uncertain start, compared with 2.4 per cent last year. Inflation will average 0.5 per cent, the lowest rate since 1954, they say.

The engine of growth will be consumer spending, forecast to rise by 4.5 per cent, compared with 1.7 per cent last year. This is partly due to the income tax cuts which took effect on January 1, and partly improved consumer confidence as a result of low inflation.

One consequence of strong growth will be the first noticeable drop in unemployment since 1979.

The level of unemployment is expected to drop to 2.15 million by the end of the year, down by 150,000 on the end of 1985. This year's average is forecast to be 2.23 million, compared with 2.3 million last year.

The institutes expect a sharp slowing in Germany's export growth, from 7.2 per cent last year to 3 per cent this year. Imports will rise at a faster pace, by 5.5 per cent compared with 4.7 per cent last year.

The trade surplus is predicted to reach a record DM100 billion (£29.9 billion) this year, compared with DM73.3 billion in 1985. The current account is also expected to reach a new high of DM60 billion compared with DM38.6 billion last year.

Despite low inflation and the strong mark, the institutes warn the central bank against reducing interest rates in line with recent cuts elsewhere.

Inflation of 0.5 per cent this year compares with 2.2 per cent in 1985, but domestic prices are rising at 2 per cent a year, the institutes say, and the pace of monetary expansion is already too strong.

The five institutes are the Kiel University Institute for the World Economy, the IFO Institute of Munich, RWI of Essen, HWWA of Hamburg and the DIW Institute of West Berlin.

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Option salesmen compound the regulators' torment

Central banks round the world are already fretting about off-balance-sheet exposures. Now the options whizz-kids are dreaming up new ways of tormenting the regulators.

The Bank for International Settlements and Mr Peter Cooke of the Bank of England, who heads the international committee of regulators, will have to grapple with cunning new devices such as options on options.

Standard Chartered Bank, under its ingenious currency expert, Mr Fred Lee, has just begun marketing these instruments as "compound options".

Jargon aside, the idea is simple enough. Rather than pay the full premium on an option now, the customer can choose to pay part of it while he or she is deciding to take up the full option. It is, if you like, an option at one remove.

Thus, the holder of the right to a six-month option on which the premium might typically be 2 per cent of the striking price could pay 1 per cent, or half the full premium, for two months, and the balance if he or she takes up the option for the remaining four months.

If the premium is more, the proportion to be paid in advance is less, and if it is lower the proportion is higher.

The premium is calculated on the rate of exchange required, the volatility of the currency, and interest rates.

The supposed attraction of this device is that corporate treasurers who have difficulty persuading their boards to pay the whole premium immediately can more easily sell the idea of a partial premium with the right but not the obligation to take up the full option later.

Standard is offering compound options for the dollar against sterling, the mark, the yen and the Swiss franc.

You can have a call on a call (a right to buy an option on an option which gives you the right to buy a specified quantity of currency at a specified price) or a call on a put (the right to buy a right to sell). Since all these options are over-the-counter options, tailor-made for the client in question, any striking price or period within reason will be entertained.

But, as one might expect, there are plenty of banks ready to pour scorn on the whole idea. The first, slightly irrelevant, response is that options on options are nothing new. Barclays and Citibank have marketed them for a couple of years in London without much success. The principle is as old as options.

A second and more penetrating line of attack is that they are a gimmick.

But is that fair? Standard Chartered argues that they can be cheaper than ordinary options and that the amount the customer pays for the initial period is negotiable. For some companies the chance to buy part of an option while waiting to see if the cover afforded by a full option is needed must be attractive.

Other banks contend that compound options can cost more because the bank selling the option must recover forgone interest.

Perhaps the most cogent criticism, however, of compound options for tenders for contract is that the insurance can be provided more cheaply by services such as the Export Credits Guarantee Department's Tender to Contract scheme or Hambros Bank's Extra, which gives customers a refund if they fail to win the contract.

There may be attractions in compound options when the date of a likely exposure is pretty certain, because the company can then lock in today's exchange rate. But in that case it might as well use ordinary options.

This last point gives another important dimension to the problem. It is often hard enough to quantify the risk associated with an ordinary option. Compound options are even more difficult.

Banks must deal with the exposure not just by hedging in traded option markets and in the spot and forward currency markets, but also by properly accounting for the risk, which may be considerable since they are generally sellers of options to their corporate customers.

The new proposals from the regulators effectively to abolish as far as possible off-balance-sheet risks could cause some banks seriously to reexamine their involvement in this volatile market.

Michael Prest

ICI in 1985
Shaping an ambitious future.

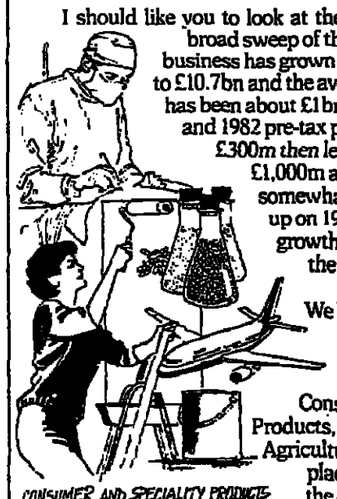
Speaking at the Annual General Meeting on 28th April 1986, Sir John Harvey-Jones, Chairman of ICI, said:

This is a special meeting for me because it gives me a formal opportunity to introduce my successor. Denys Henderson, who succeeds me on 1st April 1987, will be the 11th, and youngest ever, Chairman of ICI which is eloquent tribute to his abilities and stature.

ICI was formed on the 7th of December 1926. Looking back over those sixty years, we see major changes. It is a great tribute to generations of ICI people that your Company is still growing and shaping an ambitious future for itself in the markets of the world.

Growing Resurgent Business

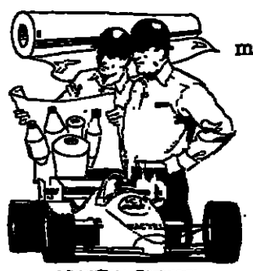
I should like you to look at the 1985 results in the broad sweep of the last five years. The business has grown from sales of £6.6bn to £10.7bn and the average annual growth has been about £1bn. For two years 1981 and 1982 pre-tax profits stayed around £300m then leapt to £600m then to £1,000m and last year fell back somewhat to £912m, still 47% up on 1983. These figures for growth and profitability are the figures of a growing, resurgent business. We have re-arranged our reporting of Group activities under four Industry Segments: Consumer and Speciality Products, Industrial Products, Agriculture, and Oil and Gas, placing the emphasis on the different markets we serve and better describing the changing shape of our business.



CONSUMER AND SPECIALITY PRODUCTS

The highlight of 1985 was the performance of the Consumer and Speciality Products segment, which increased its trading profit by £71m. Particularly noteworthy were further growth in pharmaceuticals and an encouraging first contribution by the businesses acquired from Beatrice Companies Inc. The acquisition of the Beatrice chemical businesses was a key business decision intended to contribute both to increasing our portfolio of high added-value products and accelerating our expansion in the USA.

As far as the overall check in profits in 1985 is concerned there were several contributory factors. First, the European heavy chemical businesses increased sales but were unable to sustain their 1984 profit performance because of pressures on margins. Trading profits in the Industrial Products segment fell back by £64m – still well up on 1983. Second, oil production from Ninian continues to decline and oil taxation has now increased from 60% to 65%. Overall, the oil factor reduced trading profits by about £50m. Third, 1985 was an exceedingly difficult year for world agricultural activity. Notwithstanding these difficult conditions and in spite of start-up costs with its new plant breeding business, agrochemicals not only increased its sales turnover by 13% but held its profits level. Although fertilizers increased sales turnover by 7%, trading profit fell by £37m. Finally, the effects of currency fluctuation and volatility were less favourable compared with 1984.



INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

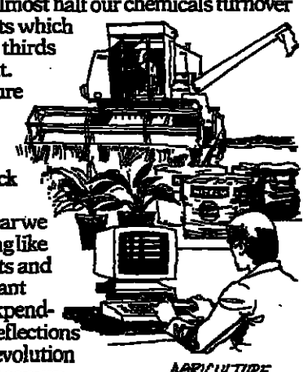
Results for the first quarter of 1986 show that businesses which did well in 1985 are continuing to do well and there has been welcome improvement in fibres, colours and a very strong performance in polyurethanes. However the oil business has been hit by the fall in crude oil prices and problems in fertilizers and related products have intensified. The net result is that Group sales were somewhat down and profits somewhat up compared with the fourth quarter of 1985.

The ICI Group's relatively small oil interests are experiencing difficult trading conditions at present prices, but for the whole Group there is likely to be advantage – if the oil price stays down and as the benefits of reduced feedstock costs and increased economic activity come through.

Evolution of Strategy

We must go where the markets are and a major strategic target is expansion in the United States.

In 1981 our sales there were just over £½bn and accounted for less than 9% of our business. By 1985 sales had trebled and were more than 15% of the business. The substantial increases in ICI sales have been mainly overseas. Our designation of a Consumer and Speciality Products segment highlights the extent to which the balance of our business is changing towards higher added-value 'effect' products. In total almost half our chemicals turnover is in 'effect' products which provide nearly two thirds of our trading profit. So our base for future growth in Specialities is well established. The third major building block in our strategy is innovation. Last year we launched something like eighty new products and we made a significant increase in R&D expenditure. These brief reflections on the continuing evolution of our strategy will convey that we know what we want to do, we are doing it, and we are going to go on doing it.



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Dividend Target

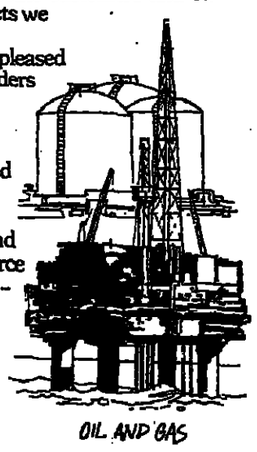
As stockholders, I'm sure you will be as pleased as we are that the Board has felt able to make a real increase in dividends from 30p to 33p per share and will be equally pleased by the increase in value of ICI shares which have risen from a low of 226p in 1981 to touch £10 at one point earlier this year. The more our performance is reflected in a higher market price for our stock, the more stockholders benefit and the better we are able to raise funds and finance expansion.

You will not have been surprised by our concern at the Government's imposition of a 5% tax on the creation of new depositary receipts (ADRs) – the form in which most UK equities are traded outside the UK. It is not only the immediate implications for American investors, who now hold some 15-16% of our stock, that have caused us to voice our objections to the new tax so publicly. The Government's decision, if brought into effect, will put UK companies at both commercial and financial disadvantage opposite their foreign competitors. We, together with other major companies are continuing our efforts to suggest alternative mechanisms which will meet the Chancellor's concerns.

Commitment to Success

Each Chairman of ICI is a custodian for a brief period in the life of the Company. I think we are fortunate in the elements which have become a continuous part of ICI. First, the importance of people; second, our pursuit of improvement; third, our commitment to research. Three continuing streams in ICI thinking and action, as vital today in the success of our business as they were sixty years ago. The nature of the chemical industry is changing. It is no longer enough to produce great tonnages at low costs for the markets of the world. Our business increasingly focuses on specific customers and on adding service to the products we supply them with.

Finally, I am particularly pleased that the number of stockholders increased during 1985. I do not wish to diminish the importance of institutional shareholders or of our United States shareholders – but the small stockholder with his personal interest and concern is a most active source of strength, encouragement – and advice.



OIL AND GAS

I have still a year to go, but this is the last time I shall stand before you at an AGM. I am totally confident that when Denys Henderson succeeds to this stewardship next year your investment in ICI will continue to be a stake in a great Company which has the ability to realise its ambitions for the future.

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Sea defences in the City

The Institute of London Underwriters is not a familiar name to the man in the street, although several of its members are household names — Commercial Union, Eagle Star, Prudential.

The ILU is relatively anonymous, in comparison with the worldwide renown of the Lloyd's insurance market, partly because it is a collection of 109 companies and partly because it handles only marine and aviation business. Its specialist yacht insurance is the closest it gets to dealing with the consumer, although its members handle the full range of consumer insurance from motor to life.

The ILU is a vitally important part of the world insurance market. It writes about half the marine and aviation business done in London, with Lloyd's writing the other half. The two together account for 50 per cent of marine and aviation insurance and reinsurance worldwide.

The member companies, nearly half of which are British subsidiaries of overseas companies, have an asset value from their British operations alone of $25 billion (£16.5 billion). The premium income last year was £1.3 billion.

The relationship with Lloyd's is one of both competition and close co-operation. The ILU was founded in 1884 after a meeting of company underwriters and Lloyd's underwriters. Lloyd's underwriters soon found there was a conflict of interest and they withdrew to form the Lloyd's Underwriters Association.

The two groups are structured totally differently. Lloyd's ability to write insurance is based on the willingness of wealthy individuals or "names" to pledge their assets to the insurance market with unlimited liability. The names are grouped into syndicates and the business is written by a professional underwriter.

The ILU's members are all companies with limited liability. Those who work in the market are employees of the companies.

Despite the radically different structure the two markets compete for the same business, although Lloyd's also writes motor and non-marine insurance. Many of the risks written in London are written partly by Lloyd's syndicates and partly by ILU companies.



☐ Princess Anne officially opens the new headquarters of the Institute of London Underwriters today. For the first time, the company marine insurance market will be under one roof

The two groups co-operate on several joint committees including hull, cargo, war, liability and construction risks. The committees, if they are chaired by an ILU man, will have a Lloyd's deputy chairman and vice versa. They deal largely with technical matters of market practice and regulation, including joint discussions on rating levels.

The present crisis following the American bombing of Libya has necessitated an increase in war risk cover for vessels calling at Libyan ports. Traditionally, ILU companies have specialized in war risk cargoes and Lloyd's in war risk hulls.

The ILU has developed a more supportive role for its members than just a trade association as it has progressed down the years. In the 1950s the concept of an ILU policy was introduced, which meant one policy was issued listing all the companies on risk and how much they were in for. Previously every company, even if it was only writing 2 per cent of the total risk, had to issue its own policy for its portion of the risk.

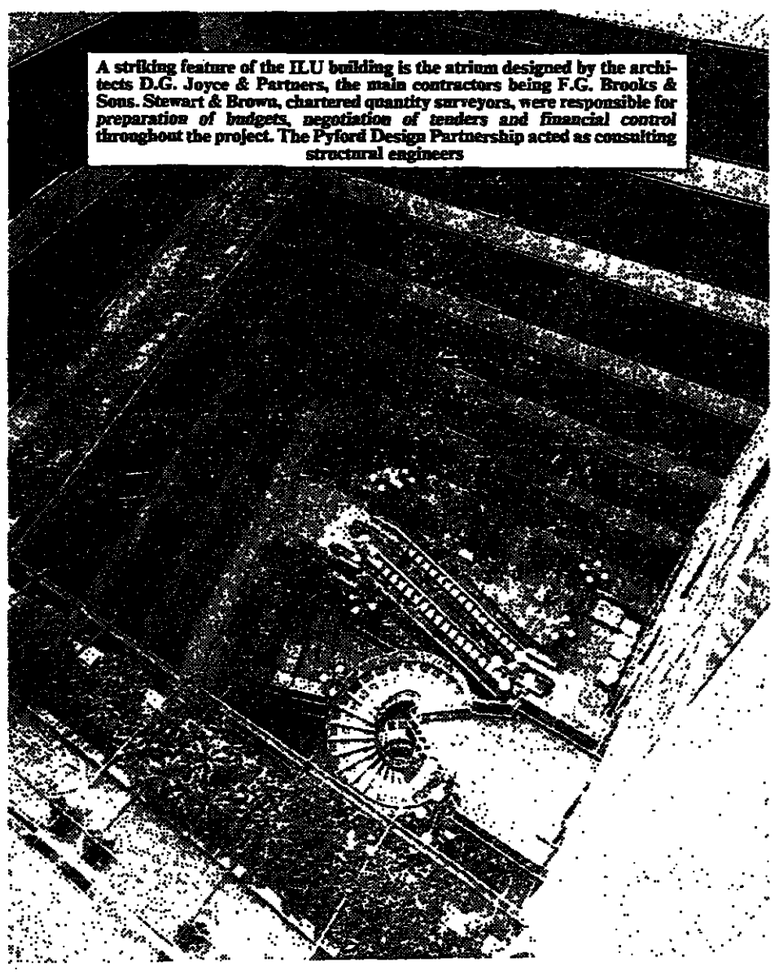
The payment of premiums in and claims out from then on was processed by the ILU on a monthly basis. The ILU established a network of claims agents, which now number 450 worldwide.

It takes pride in the financial soundness of its members and hence the financial soundness of its policies. It conducts an annual review of the financial standing of its members through looking at reports and accounts and analysing Department of Trade and Industry returns.

The recent years of high inflation have caused damage to the capitalization of some companies, causing the ILU to require a boosting of reserves on occasions. The ILU claims none of its members has ever gone bust, although one or two have come perilously close. The troubled Insurance Company of Ireland withdrew from membership last year.

The latest service to membership provided by the ILU is the new building, which allows brokers to meet all the company underwriters under one roof. Instead of a Lloyd's lookalike, where underwriters sit at boxes in one huge market floor, the ILU has opted for individual rooms with glass fronts and open doors.

The next stage will be more services, particularly of the electronic kind, and more market statistics. The nature of the insurance business will ensure that the physical market-place will not be rendered outmoded by new technology, Peter Worsfold, general manager and secretary of the ILU, believes.



A striking feature of the ILU building is the atrium designed by the architects D.G. Joyce & Partners, the main contractors being F.G. Brooks & Sons. Stewart & Brown, chartered quantity surveyors, were responsible for preparation of budgets, negotiation of tenders and financial control throughout the project. The Pyford Design Partnership acted as consulting structural engineers

The brokers who come to place their business seem to prefer doing the business face to face across a desk. The risk can be discussed more easily than on the telephone and the market-place setting allows the risk to be placed quickly. Marine risks are placed faster in London than anywhere else in the world, Mr Worsfold says.

Claims can also be paid promptly. The ship that was crushed in the ice in the Antarctic, during the expedition in the footsteps of Scott, was wholly insured at the ILU and the cheque was paid out within four days of the vessel going down.

The present trading outlook for the ILU's members is improving after a prolonged and deep cyclical downturn. The ILU has escaped some of the worst insurance horrors, caused by general liability business which it does not transact. The highest losses among Lloyd's syndicates have arisen from general liability claims or expected claims, such as asbestosis.

The ILU has also escaped from the scandals which have afflicted its better known neighbour. The ILU is not crowing about Lloyd's misfortunes, however, as bad publicity tends to rub off on the London market overall and does not result in a rush of business from Lloyd's to the ILU.

Despite the well publicized problems at Lloyd's, business is flowing back to London, as the overcapacity of a few years ago has been transformed to a dramatic shortage of capacity. Rates have also hardened appreciably making life somewhat more comfotable for ILU member companies.

Alison Eadie

A £6m centre that was built for speed

The new ILU headquarters at 49 Leadenhall Street in the City of London is probably the world's best equipped marine company underwriting market-place.

Both brokers and underwriters are enthusiastic about their changed surroundings. For the first time in its 102-year history, all the ILU's 100-plus company members are housed under one roof. The new headquarters opened for business on March 10.

The building is designed for very rapid treatment of brokers. It is of particular benefit to the smaller insurance companies among the ILU membership who previously were tucked away in odd corners of the City and who already are seeing more business being shown to them.

Because the ILU is cheek-by-jowl with Lloyd's, the new market-place means that brokers can save time on their daily round of the market.

ILU member companies, in addition to sharing existing well-established common centralized settlement services, now have access to a greater range of common facilities than before.

The eight-floor building was hailed as one of Europe's most attractive modern offices when built in 1977.

Its interior has now been extensively redesigned by the ILU to provide an efficient and comfortable environment for underwriters who are situated on the first, second and third floors in some 50 separate underwriting units. It has cost the ILU about £6 million to acquire and refurbish the building.

Greater speed and efficiency are achieved by putting the principal trading areas on the first and second floors, where maximum floor space is available. Easy access is provided by new escalators, walkways, special safety automatic revolving doors and a circular staircase in the central atrium linking the ground, first, second and third floors.

The ILU's offices are on the ground floor together with conference rooms and in the basement are a bar, restaurants and private dining rooms.

The glass-fronted underwriting rooms, in various shapes and layouts, produce an open-plan market environment and the first-floor brokers' communal area has telephones and refreshment facilities. Trading areas maintain a balance between an open market-place and the existing tradition of members' underwriting rooms.

To enhance the market-place environment the double doors to each room can be opened up and fastened back during trading hours.

High-tech design is evident in the underwriting rooms

The shrubs and plants create the atmosphere of a courtyard

which are linked by computer to centres all over the country and will eventually plug into the ILU database at its Folkestone building.

A suspended floor installed on the first and second floors carries the cabling required for up-to-date computer systems and external communication with the rest of the London and other world markets.

With its central atrium creating a courtyard atmosphere with shrubs and plants. The decoration has been done in shades of green and the ILU headquarters provides a restful contrast to the frantic pace of insurance broking and underwriting.

Victor Head

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The big three are bringing business back to London

By David Lowen
Chairman, Institute of London Underwriters

The official opening today by Princess Anne of our new market-place and headquarters is an auspicious landmark in the history of the ILU and a significant event for the London insurance market.

The London marine insurance market owes its development during the last 50 years and its present commanding size to three major factors: Lloyd's, which admittedly now has a larger non-marine role than marine but has, nevertheless, approximately half of the London marine market; the Institute of London Underwriters comprising all the British "household name" composite companies, the British independent companies and numerous foreign companies; and the spectacular growth of the insurance broking houses.

The three groups have been responsible for an enormous growth in size and capital backing of the marine market in London. What was difficult to cover in millions 20 years ago can now be covered in billions. And the market is still expanding as a result of its expertise and adaptability to provide an unrivalled service worldwide.

Much business previously attracted to other markets is now flowing back to London because the marine market offers the best service, with continuity and security, at a cheaper cost in the long term than any other market.

We offer the security of enormous *reserve funds, not only for* tomorrow's catastrophe but for the prolonged, long-term risks.

London will soon be paying out hundreds of millions of dollars, perhaps many billions, to cover the avalanche of American "social conscience" claims. These claims, emanating from the 1940s and 1950s, demonstrate London's long-term service factor that cannot be matched by most markets. No doubt there are many assured people in the USA who 40 years on are glad they were insured in London.



London is renowned for its efficiency and flexibility, and practically every innovation and new method of marketing business has originated here.

Now a new milestone is reached as the two halves of the marine market — Lloyd's and ILU — move into their respective new premises, and both will be better equipped to face the future.

Lloyd's has always had its own integral building — partly shared, in a way, with some insurance companies who took space.

In the past the Institute has suffered from having its members' underwriting rooms scattered around the market, in many cases actually within Lloyd's building. This has led to understandable confusion in the minds of many that the companies actually formed part of Lloyd's.

Bringing all of the institute's 110 member companies under one roof was a prime consideration when the opportunity came to acquire a suitable modern building a stone's throw from the new Lloyd's building. Member companies and brokers have welcomed the move, and the savings in time alone will prove its wisdom.

Being in one building means that new information processing capabilities will enable direct data links between all members and brokers via the Institute.

The planned and continuing move towards standardization and streamlining of support services will allow individual underwriting operations to compete even more effectively with each other and within the world market.

Routine handling expenses will be minimized and members will be able to respond more quickly to new developments and to clients' needs.

We face the *future with great* confidence, knowing that ILU security is simply as good as can be found anywhere. The institute has always maintained the most stringent criteria for admission into membership.

At a time when the London insurance market faces unprecedented scrutiny from many quarters, the security offered by the ILU and its members assumes ever greater importance.

Celebration time: David Lowen, left, the ILU chairman, with Peter Miller, Lloyd's chairman, at a reception marking the completion of the ILU London headquarters and market-place

Pirates who make an art of scuttling

There has been so much publicity about the spread of maritime fraud that one could be forgiven for believing that on every cargo ship today half the crew wear black eye-patches and that in every ship owner's office there is a shredding machine and a John Bull printing set for the forgery of Bills of Lading.

In fact, maritime fraud takes a number of more prosaic forms.

The most common but perhaps the least publicized version is documentary fraud — the defrauding by cargo shippers of cargo buyers, insurers and banks by falsification of shipping documents whereby goods are misrepresented as to their value, quantity or even their existence.

The least common but, since the celebrated case of the Salem, well-publicized and most romantic form is scuttling — the casting away of a ship with the connivance of her owners with intent to defraud hull insurers.

It would seem reasonable to assume that scuttling is a highly individual crime and that the fraudster would be sure to avoid using a particular method which had already attracted underwriters' attention.

Surprisingly, trends from time to time can be discerned

Whatever the logic of that proposition, it is nevertheless surprising to find from time to time that trends do develop.

There may be a series of ships being stranded, then a rash of sinkings, and, occasionally, as seen in a recent case, a spate of fires.

This is no doubt partly explained by mere coincidence but partly also by what underwriters and their investigators have long recognized as the work of people who supply scuttling services to shipowners.

Typically, the word will be passed that Mr X has succeeded in defrauding underwriters by a certain type of casualty and this leads to others trying the same method.

Similarly, the word will go out that Mr Y has access to funds and to crew members prepared to scuttle.

London market underwriters are investigating several such links between what would otherwise have appeared to be unrelated casualties.

It would be surprising if such inquiries revealed the substantial syndication pattern uncovered by the FERIT (Far East Regional Investigation Team) inquiry into sinkings in the South China Sea in the late 1970s, but the continual collation of information from different casualties and from different insurance markets will contribute to the process of defeating fraudulent claims.

This will then, it is hoped,act as a deterrent to others.

It goes without saying that underwriters, and their investigators, are from time to time criticized for not paying claims which they should pay.

What is less-well known is that they are also criticized for paying claims which they should not.

It is disheartening to any shipowner who regards the scuttling fraternity as a menace to society and as a major cause of increased market premiums to learn that underwriters have paid a claim which the shipowner knows was fraudulent.

The underwriters can thus in the eyes of many never get it right. In the spate of recent engineroom fires, where many casualties had virtually identical suspicious characteristics, underwriters were faced with either being seen to have turned down innocent claims among the guilty ones, or to have failed to reject enough bad apples from the barrel.

Regrettably, time may never tell whether the right balance has been achieved.

What can be done to improve insurers' chances of winning the battle against maritime fraud, which will not involve great expense or be too disruptive to their everyday business?

A plan to penalize any vessel that is not up to standard

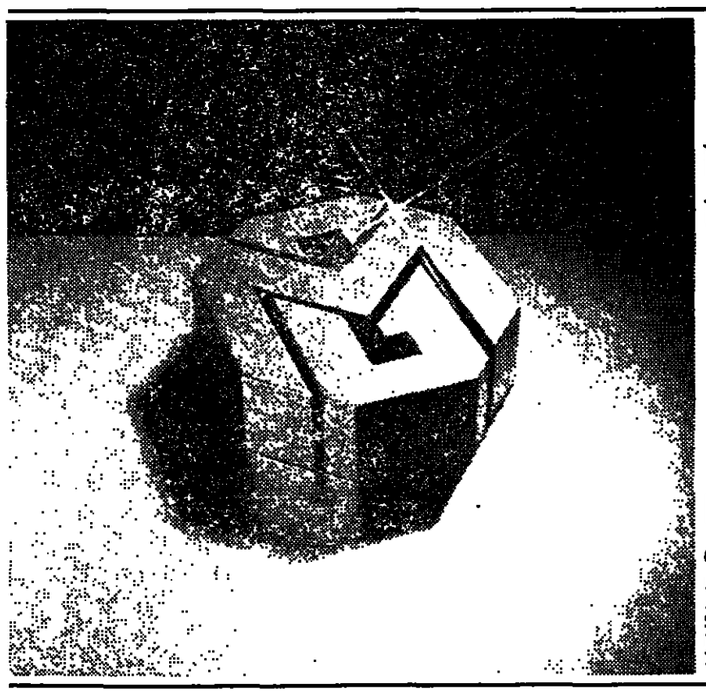
First, the sharing of information: while insurance is a highly-competitive business and competitors do not readily share their secrets, there can only be benefit to an individual insurer in exchanging information, whether the exchange is across the City of London or across international frontiers.

Second, influence with flag states: there are still certain flag countries which do not hold full, or any, inquiries into substantial casualties. Formal investigations would assist insurers in uncovering the facts. And insurers could help themselves by lobbying the less diligent flag states.

Third, relations with classification societies: complaints by insurers to classification societies could only go to improve the latter's vigilance in penalizing sub-standard vessels.

It was Edmund Burke who said: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." We must all, being good men, continue to do whatever we can in the fight against maritime fraud.

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Marine insurance, the precursor of all forms of insurance, in today's world covers not ony the traditional areas of hulls and cargoes and shipbuilding but the whole gamut of transportation, from the carriage of goods of every kind by land, sea and air to the multifarious drilling rigs and huge fixed structures used in offshore oil and gas exploration production.

London is the foremost marine insurance market, with business about equally divided between Lloyd's and the insurance companies which are member of the Institute of London Underwriters.

The London marine market is very conscious of its strength and influence, and of its substantial contribution to the City's invisible earnings. The market is not without its problems, however; in marine insurance they tend to be more complicated and affected by more factors than in other branches of insurance. The very internationalism of the business is paramount, influenced by trading and shipping conditions, currency fluctuations, restrictions placed on cargo insurance by many developing countries and maritime fraud.

Despite the shipping slump, the market is on a gentle upswing. After a long period of intense and internecine competition, the gradual improvement that started in 1984 has been sustained.

Several factors are responsible: a shrinkage of capacity, paticularly as fringe competition has dropped away with the realization that claims in normal times can far exceed any investment income; a return to the security of the London market by fleets whose owners had been lured to other markets by cheaper rates; a tougher stance by reinsurers, who have turned the screw on terms and conditions, which has put pressure on direct insurers to increase rates, and a significant absence of large, individual total ship losses (war losses in the Gulf apart) during the past two years.

But the relentless deterioration in the shipping industry presents a big question mark, and many underwriters fear it will undermine the improvement in premium levels. They are increasingly worried about

By Denzil Stuart

the amount of sub-standard shipping still in service and the general lowering of standards throughout the industry.

Tony Nunn, chairman of the London market's Joint Hull Committee, which lays down guidelines on rating when hull insurances are renewed, believes underwriters are still underpricing their product.

He suggests a strategy as an accompaniment, if not a replacement, for further rises:

- more awareness of shipowners' operations, including crewing arrangements;
- greater co-operation with classification societies and surveyors;
- reductions in premiums to be paid into a fund which can be set off against next year's premium or incurred but not reported claims;
- increased premiums could be spread over two years;
- obtain greater justification of hull valuations from shipowners;
- insist on earlier reporting of claims;
- greater co-operation between underwriters and banks;
- greater use of knowledge at the disposal of underwriters;
- greater flexibility in offering the right cover for an owner's needs but ensuring that cover is properly priced;
- close examination of the liability wordings of contracts and their relation to marine insurance.

Though competition in cargo insurance remains intensely aggressive, the problems here are more deep-seated than in the hull account. Marine insurance policies were originally designed to indemnify losses due to unfortuitous circumstances, but now insurers appear willing to insure against everything that is inevitable.

Often, cover goes far beyond the bounds of what might be considered reasonable, and in many cases the premium received by insurers is less than they used to receive for basic cover.

A hidden world and how it operates

Though traditionally it maintains a low profile, the ILU, as the focus of the marine insurance company sector, processes about half the marine and aviation business transacted in the London market, Lloyd's syndicates being responsible for the other half.

A small percentage is written by companies outside the ILU. As London accounts for half the worldwide business in these classes of insurance, it means that a quarter of the total world marine and aviation business passes through the ILU. The ILU processes more than £1.3 billion annually in premiums on behalf of its members.

When ship owners and exporters of goods ask their brokers to arrange insurance cover in the London market, they usually specify that cover be placed at "Lloyd's and/or ILU".

Most people are aware of Lloyd's — a collection of individuals who are grouped into independent syndicates using professional underwriters to offer insurance — but outside the insurance industry there are probably few people who are aware of the existence of the ILU, even though its member companies — such as Commercial Union or Eagle Star in the UK, Concorde in France, Insurance Company of North America in the US or Sumitomo in Japan — are household names throughout many parts of the world.

In fact, the ILU at present has 110 member companies representing the majority of those conducting marine and aviation business in the London market. Membership ranges from the major UK composites, specialist or smaller companies and professional reinsurers, to foreign companies, with particularly strong representation from France, Japan, Scandinavia and the US.

The incorporation of the ILU in 1884 by the original 20 member companies, after centuries of Crown monopoly in England's marine insurance market, represented a 19th-century combination of the benefits of co-operation with the blessings of free enterprise. The benefits of membership are many, which explains why usually there are several companies awaiting the outcome of the ILU's stringent admission criteria.

In its everyday role the ILU is a servicing office, operating very differently from most trade associations. It becomes involved in the insurance process only when a broker submits documentation (a "closing") to it for accounting. Then it ensures that the closing is correct and, if the policy wording is submitted, that it corresponds exactly with the detail shown on the slip or that any alterations have been approved by the leading underwriter.

A large proportion of the staff is occupied full-time on these tasks. The policy department and accounting centre are located in satellite offices at Folkestone, Kent, employing about 170 of the total staff of 220. Data is transferred daily between the two centres both physically and via computer terminals. The policy departmet processes some three million entries annually.

The pace of automation is speeding up, with an updating of computer hardware and software, and work is now being directed at enabling direct electronic transfer between brokers, companies and the ILU. In addition, the ILU is playing a leading part in discussions with other segments of the London market on wider communications issues.

One of the ILU's original activities, which remains of paramount importance, is the drafting and issuing of technical clauses for attachment to policies; these are accepted as model clauses in many markets worldwide.

The ILU is represented in all the major ports throughout the world by claims settling and survey agents, another advantage to member companies.

Close liaison is maintained with other insurance organizations and with government departments at home and overseas to the benefit of underwriters, ship owners and shippers. The ILU is represented on the committees of The Salvage Association and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and together with Lloyd's it makes up a host of joint market committees, each concerned with particular aspects of the market.

It is the quality of services provided by the ILU which distinguishes it from most, if not all, other insurance organizations in Britain. And as Peter Worsfold, the general manager and secretary, points out, it is "the economies of scale which enable us to offer these services to members at a level of costs which improves their competitive situation in the world market, and it is here that we can anticipate future important developments taking place."

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The year of flying dangerously

Pressure on rating levels and capacity continues since the aviation disasters that horrified people the world over.

Nineteen eighty-five was the worst-ever year for aviation hull and liability claims, estimated at $1 billion for the major western-built jetliner accidents. Significant in this total were four unprecedented accidents: the loss of a plane worth $95 million, the Air India Boeing 747; the highest number of passengers killed in a single plane, the Japan Airlines Boeing 747, 505 passengers; the highest number of military personnel killed in a commercial plane, the Arrow Air DC-8, 248 passengers, and the highest number of passengers killed in a hijacking, the Egyptair Boeing 737, 60 passengers.

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6	Glenfield Lawrence	Motors,Aircraft	
7	Stone Intl	Electricals	
8	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
9	MEPC	Property	
10	Waitrose	Banks, Discount	
11	Willowbrook Hldgs	Foods	
12	Bradford	Property	
13	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
14	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
15	Pretoc	Electricals	
16	Douglas (RM)	Building, Roads	
17	Sherrock	Electricals	
18	Triplex	Industrials S-Z	
19	Goldsmiths Gp	Drapery, Stores	
20	Argyll	Foods	
21	Stonehouse	Drapery, Stores	
22	Stand Secs	Property	
23	Coffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
25	Boots	Industrials A-D	
26	Arlen	Electricals	
27	Magnet & South	Building, Roads	
28	Rosehaugh	Property	
29	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
30	Prop Hldgs	Property	
31	Tunstall	Electricals	
32	Ford (Martin)	Drapery, Stores	
33	MK Elect	Electricals	
34	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery, Stores	
35	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
36	Menzies (John)	Drapery, Stores	
37	Barclays	Banks, Discount	
38	Park Place	Industrials L-R	
39	Lovell (Y.J)	Building, Roads	
40	Abaco	Property	
41	Plessey	Electricals	
42	Taylor Woodrow	Building, Roads	
43	Centrovincial	Property	
44	Thomson T-Line	Industrials S-Z	

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BREWERIES

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
336	268	Allied-Lyons	315	-4	11.5	3.7	15.5
215	180	Bass	208	-4	21.5	10.3	17.9
330	280	Bathroom	320	+1	11	3.4	29.5
150	125	Boddingtons	139	+1	4.8	3.5	15.1
330	275	Brown (Matthew)	288	-2	10.0	3.5	17.5
165	147	Bulmer (H P)	172		7.0	4.1	13.9
465	405	Burtonwood Brew	436		14.3	3.7	12.5
315	215	Clark (Wadworth)	310		10.7	3.1	20.8
845	645	Dowmish (J A)	845		18.5	2.2	28.4
225	185	Distillers	215		21.4	9.9	13.2
495	395	Greenall Whitley	488		7.9	1.6	13.2
295	225	Greene King	288		7.2	2.5	11.5
385	278	Guinness	380	-4	10.5	2.8	11.3
495	405	Hardys & Hansons	488		24.1	5.0	12.4
235	195	Highland Dist	85		2.9	3.4	17.2
178	158	Invergordon Dist	168		4.1	2.5	10.5
268	172	Irish Dist	268		6.0	2.3	
113	77	Marston Thompson	113		2.9	2.6	19.5
231	217	Scotland	228		5.7	2.7	13.9
248	168	SA Breweries	178				
234	165	Scot & Newc	228		16.0	4.8	14.2
395	330	Seagram	390		11.1	1.1	
345	283	Vaux	345	+10	15.5	3.8	17.2
315	255	Whitbread 'A'	280	+4	11.5	3.5	14.3
315	288	Do 'B'	288		11.5	3.5	14.3
251	225	Wolverhead Inv	238		10.0	4.2	24.4
355	315	Wolverhmpton & D	353		12.5	3.5	17.5
260	195	Young 'A'	260	+35	9.4	3.4	22.4

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
288	218	Aberdeen Constr	268		10.5	3.9	16.7
297	238	Amec	292	+6	16.7	5.7	11.9
68	52	Arnolite	62		6.1	9.7	8.9
168	135	Attwoods	166	+10	8.1	3.7	18.1
458	331	BPB Industries	453	+7	11.5	2.5	18.8
327	284	Bagnall Ham Brick	327		12.5	3.8	13.1
190	114	Bardon Hill	188		10.5	7.0	
23	23	Bailey(Sam) Constr	23				
95	70	Barratt	95		10.0	6.1	9.5
78	70	Bamford Concrete	78		4.4	5.7	12.5
70	70	Bett Bros	70		4.4	6.3	19.7
195	175	Blockleys	195		9.1	4.9	12.4
708	591	Blue Circle	673	+7	28.5	4.2	9.3
270	228	Bredero&Cloud Hill	267		14.0	5.2	9.5
99	78	Brickhouse Dudley	99	-2	4.9	4.9	14.8
91	61	Br Dredging	91		4.5	5.5	12.6
28	18	Brown & Jackson	28				15.9
98	88	Brownlee	98		4.4	4.7	7.4
134	98	Bryant	134	-2	4.4	4.4	14.1
57	45	Burnett & Hallam	57		2.6	6.6	2.4
116	88	Cement-Roadstone	113	-2	4.5	5.6	
49	38	Condor Gp	49		2.5	5.1	11.8
488	386	Costain	516	-4	22.1	4.3	10.9
494	386	Countryside	488		8.2	2.0	10.8
156	134	Crouch (David)	146	+2	8.6	5.9	12.1
99	78	Crouch (Gerald)	96		4.5	4.7	12.1
104	88	Dow (George)	96		4.4	10.0	10.1
53	43	Douglas (RM)	53		3.0	5.7	14.9
98	78	EVB	98		4.7	5.3	12.4
71	71	Ecc	71		4.0	5.6	10.6
71	58	Do 'A'	71		4.0	5.6	21.9
70	58	Finlan Gp	68		3.4	5.0	7.9
94	78	Galliford	94		5.4	5.7	8.6
191	155	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	191		9.2	4.8	11.8
376	254	Gleeson (M.J)	373		7.9	2.1	12.9
113	93	HAT	111		5.4	4.9	11.5
162	95	Halstead Bar	158	+2			24.1
98	85	Hamilton-Stuart	98	+1	2.4	3.3	12.7
224	148	Heywood Williams	214	+2	8.6	4.5	14.0
451	345	Higgs & Hill	397	-1	19.4	3.2	13.1
166	136	Holbeck Johnson	136	-2	6.3	3.6	13.9
451	378	Ibstock (J) & Sons	441		25.0w	5.7	10.2
441	348	Lilley (C)	441	+1	18.0	2.3	12.3
165	78	Do 'A'	431	+1	18.0	2.3	12.0
555	455	Lawrence (Walter)	555	+2	5.4	5.7	8.6
395	278	Lilley (F.C)	395		16.0	4.1	11.8
488	380	Lilleyman (T.H)	488		10.0	2.3	15.0
195	135	Magnet & South	195	+5	6.7	3.7	18.8
178	128	Mallinson	178		11.8	5.2	13.5
151	98	Marshalls (Halifax)	179	-1	7.1	4.2	12.8
139	99	May & Hassell	139		5.44	4.5	
284	204	McAlpine (Alfred)	284	+2	17.8	4.2	13.5
171	171	Mayer Int	242		7.7	3.2	13.4
135	108	Miller (Stanley)	135	+2	5.4	4.0	
444	344	Morrison (John)	372	+4	20.0	5.4	12.3
213	118	Newarthill	213	+4	15.7	7.4	16.4
118	87	Nottingham Brick	111		9.0	8.1	6.2
315	222	Persimmon	282	+4	11.0	3.9	14.3
110	87	Phoenix Timber	110	-12	4.3	3.9	8.3
385	295	Pochin	370	-10	18.4	5.0	8.2
497	445	RMC	497	+1	25.0	5.0	11.4
178	158	Redland	160	-1	8.1	5.1	11.5
178	150	Roberts Adlard	156		8.1	5.1	10.5
318	288	Rotherold	318	+10	12.9	3.8	11.1
137	132	Rugby Cement	137		8.1	5.4	11.3
288	228	Sabah	288	+6	10.7	3.0	12.7
198	98	Shanks & Fisher	198		6.3	3.2	15.0
78	70	Smart (J)	78		6.3	7.6	17.4
218	218	Tarmac	218	+6	11.7	5.4	10.5
147	118	Taylor Woodrow	147		6.1	4.1	12.4
148	118	Tilbury Group	139		4.6	3.3	11.5
148	118	Travis & Arnold	148		12.2	8.2	14.2
178	148	Trent	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Tilbil	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Wimpey	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Warrington (T)	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Watts Blake	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Western Bros	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Wiggins	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Wilson (Connolly)	178		10.0	5.6	8.8
178	148	Wimpey (George)	178		10.0	5.6	8.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
168	138	AKZO N/V Bearer	168		4.8	2.9	9.1
178	138	Allied Colloids	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Amersham	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Anchor Chemical	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	BTP	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Bayer DM50	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Berger	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Bibby Chems	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Br Borsod	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Br Drug Hse (W)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Coalite	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Coates Bros	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Do 'A'	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Cory (Horace)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Crode	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Do Old	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Ellis & Everard	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Fisons-Horsley	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Hickson	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Hoechst DM50	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Ind Chem Int	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Laporte	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lyon	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rentokil	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rieldrock Hldgs	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rentokil	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	SIMA SPD	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Sandhu Spectrum	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wolfenstone Fink	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Yorkshire Chem	178		5.0	2.8	17.5

CINEMAS AND TV

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	178	Anglia TV 'A'	178		10.0	5.6	14.5
178	178	Cinecom	178		10.0	5.6	14.5
178	178	HTV N/V	178		10.0	5.6	14.5
178	178	HTV Hldgs	178		10.0	5.6	14.5
178	178	TSW 'A'	178		10.0	5.6	14.5
178	178	TSW N/V	178		10.0	5.6	14.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
135	98	Alexon	135		3.5	2.6	19.4
178	138	Associated Fisheries	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Asda	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Bambers	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Barker & Dobson	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Barr (A.G)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Bejam Foods	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Bejam	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Blacknell Cont	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Body Shop (SW)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Cadbury-Schweppes	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Clans Milling	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Clintons Cards	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Dee	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Do 'A'	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Cullens	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Dee	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Fisher (Albert)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Fitch Lovell	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Glass Glover	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Habitat Mothercare	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Hepworth	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Hillards	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Holmes (Robert)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Kingfisher	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lewis (John)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lilley (C)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lilley (F.C)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lilleyman (T.H)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Magnet & South	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Mallinson	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Marshalls (Halifax)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	May & Hassell	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	McAlpine (Alfred)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Mayer Int	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Miller (Stanley)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Morrison (John)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Newarthill	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Nottingham Brick	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Persimmon	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Phoenix Timber	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Pochin	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	RMC	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Redland	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Roberts Adlard	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rotherold	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rugby Cement	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Sabah	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Shanks & Fisher	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Smart (J)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Tarmac	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Taylor Woodrow	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Tilbury Group	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Travis & Arnold	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Trent	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Tilbil	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wimpey	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Warrington (T)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Watts Blake	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Western Bros	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wiggins	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wilson (Connolly)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wimpey (George)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5

ELECTRICALS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
188	188	AB Elect	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Amstrad	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Arnold Computers	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Arlen	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Atlantic Comp	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Audio Fidelity	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Auto Sec	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	BICC	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Bowthorpe	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Br Telecom	188		11.4	6.0	13.2
188	188	Brown Boveri Kent	188		11.4	6.0	13.2

FINANCE AND LAND

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
248	208	Abingworth	248	+8	1.8	0.8	
184	138	Aitken Hume	138	+1	11.0	5.1	5.7
310	310	Allegheny	310	-10	27.5	5.5	4.8
175	120	Barclay Tech	175				
25	20	Cornelia	20		17.1	0.9	22.5
240	194	Candover	240		5.7	2.3	30.2
40	18	Commercy	40				
27½	18	Equity & Gen	27		1.3	6.7	10.3
380	380	Hambro	380		18.4	2.1	20.6
178	138	Ivory & Sime	178	+2	8.1	4.5	22.5
198	153	Lasmo	198	+1	8.9	4.5	22.5
48	40	Nat Home Loans	48	+1			
48	40	Do 5%	48		600	10.5	
148	114	Newsmarket	148				

FOODS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
160	128	ASDA-MFI	158		4.1	2.6	19.3
28½	21	Alpine Drinks	28½		2.8	9.1	
361	330	Amyl	348		11.1	3.5	16.5
398	338	Ali Food	398		8.5	2.4	18.9
298	240	Assoc Fisheries	298		8.5	2.8	18.9
318	240	Banks (Sidney C)	318		14.5	4.5	8.4
15½	11½	Barker & Dobson	13¼				21.4
395	230	Berr (AG)	388		12.1	3.1	9.2
168	138	Bejam Foods	167		5.7	3.4	10.5
168	98	Bibbys	168		3.9	2.3	12.5
168	148	Bejam	168		5.7	3.4	21.4
168	73	Blacknell Cont	74		7.4	7.5	12.8
153	143	Body Shop (SW)	153		2.5	1.6	24.4
178	138	Cadbury-Schweppes	178		8.4	4.7	20.9
185	165	Clans Milling	185		8.6	4.6	9.7
278	228	Clintons Cards	278		10.5	3.8	15.2
270	228	Dee	270	-10	9.7	3.6	15.2
241	241	Cullens	241		9.0	3.7	15.2
178	138	Dee	178		9.7	5.5	8.8
178	138	Fisher (Albert)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Fitch Lovell	178		14.0	7.9	20.7
178	138	Glass Glover	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Habitat Mothercare	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Hepworth	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Hillards	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Holmes (Robert)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Kingfisher	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lewis (John)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lilley (C)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lilley (F.C)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lilleyman (T.H)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Magnet & South	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Mallinson	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Marshalls (Halifax)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
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178	138	Nottingham Brick	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Persimmon	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Phoenix Timber	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Pochin	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	RMC	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Redland	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Roberts Adlard	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rotherold	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Rugby Cement	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Sabah	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Shanks & Fisher	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Smart (J)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Tarmac	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Taylor Woodrow	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Tilbury Group	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Travis & Arnold	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Trent	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Tilbil	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wimpey	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Warrington (T)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Watts Blake	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Western Bros	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wiggins	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wilson (Connolly)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Wimpey (George)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5

HOTELS AND CATERERS

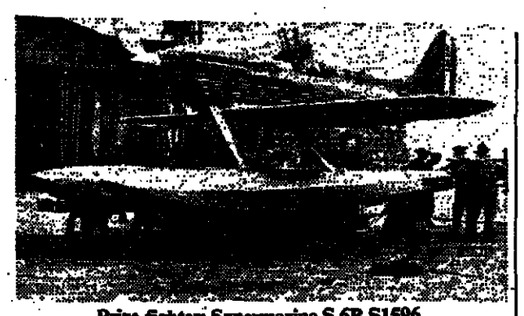
1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
248	208	Grand Met	248		18.0	7.3	9.1
168	138	Ladbroke Brocklesb	168		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Lon Park Hotels	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Moore Chandler	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Queens Moat Hotels	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Savoy Hotels 'A'	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Scots	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	138	Trusthouse Forte	178		5.0	2.8	17.5

INDUSTRIALS A - D

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	178	AAH	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	AB Research	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	AFV	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Aaronson	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Advanc	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Alexandra Wheer	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Amber Ind	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Appleyards	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Armour	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Ash & Lacy	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Ashley	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Ass Br Eng 8%	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Assoc Heat	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Avon	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Avon Rubber	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Aynsome Metal	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	BET	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	BET Old	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	BSG Stock	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Babcock	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bailey (CH)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Baker Perkins	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Barlow Rand	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Barlow Hepburn	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Barratt Transport	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Barrow Hepburn	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bath & Portland	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bayer (GB)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Beauford (SSW)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Beecham	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bellway	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bemrose	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bibby (J)	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Bicc	178		5.0	2.8	17.5
178	178	Biddle Holdings	178		5.0	2.8	

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THE TIMES/DIGITAL SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

Next week *The Times* Computer Horizons launches a six-week competition in conjunction with Digital Equipment (DEC), the world's second-biggest computer manufacturer. The first prize will be a weekend for two in New York, flying on Concorde.

The competitions's aeronautical theme will reflect DEC's sponsorship of the Schneider air race, which is being held for the third successive year on the Isle of Wight on June 22. The original Schneider Trophy races started in 1913 when a French industrialist, Jacques Schneider, established it to promote aircraft development in the early days of aviation.

The races were timed runs by single aircraft. The highest speed achieved in 1913 was 45.75 mph, rising to 340 mph in 1931, when Britain won the event outright with the *Supermarine S6B*.

The race was re-established in 1984 when DEC decided to sponsor a new event, flown over the Solent, which formed part of the original course. It is now a handicapped event, open to light piston-engined aircraft, which fly three laps, covering 140 miles. Among the 60-plus competitors this year will be a Spitfire and three of the new ARV2 light aircraft being built on the Isle of Wight

Prize money for contestants totals £15,000, including a DEC Rainbow 100+ business computer and a replica of the Schneider Trophy. The winners of each of our weekly contests will be taken to the Isle of Wight as the guests of DEC, where, at a gala dinner winner of the New York trip will be announced. The next day, the six winning couples will be VIP guests at Bembridge Airfield, where they will watch Prince Andrew, president of the Royal Aero Club, start the race, which finishes off Ryde Pier.

Entrants in the weekly competitions, which will run each Tuesday, starting on May 6, will be asked to construct a numerical solution, based on the six questions. This answer, together with a tie-breaker, will be phoned to a competition hot line on the Sunday after publication. The name of the weekly winner will be *notified in The Times* as soon as possible after the closing date of each competition.

Lessons from the other Big Bang

THE WEEK

From Bill Johnstone in New York

The computer and electronic revolution underway in the City of London advanced a step further last week. The London Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities Dealers in the US have put into operation a link which will allow the transfer of stock price quotations across the Atlantic in a matter of seconds. The move is a timely reminder that the microchip can only enhance *international stock trading.*

For many in the financial markets on both sides of the Atlantic the agreement signified more than a transatlantic partnership — the stock market can now move around the world each day with the clock. As dealing ceases in one exchange on one continent it can be transferred to another. A dealers' "book" — the stock available and the prices — will be passed from one market to another. The principal participants in this global trading house will be the US — largely New York — Tokyo and London.

Not every continent would be interested in such trade. The non-institutional buyer in the US, for example, is concerned largely with domestic stock but the technology could easily stimulate that market. The growth of the US market since it went electronic is testimony to that theory.

The Americans had their Big Bang about 10 years ago. The government wanted competition increased in the *market and for the public to be given* a better deal. Electronics made that possible. Systems were devised which allowed the dealers in stocks and securities to be linked to an electronic stock exchange.

The Cincinnati version even does without an actual exchange floor. The British group Software Sciences, the subsidiary of Thorn-EMI, believes it might be emulated in the UK. The Cincinnati Stock Exchange is the smallest US regional stock exchange, listing about 1,500 stocks and providing national trading facilities for all of its members in 2,700 of the US listed equities.

According to the designers of the computer systems used in the dealing network, the automated trading system, which was created using computers and data communication links between the trading parties, showed how that stock dealing could be improved dramatically.

The core of that success was the introduction and development of the National Securities Trading System (NSTS). The members of the exchange attached to the system do not require a physical presence in Cincinnati.

The essence of these US systems is electronically transmitted and generated data. The swift compilation of that information and its transmission can give the dealers in such a network an edge. At Prudential-Bache in Manhattan, a high-speed data and voice system comprises hardware designed by British Telecom and specially devised units from Conrol Data.

The competition in the British market will be fierce during this autumn's Big Bang. Already companies such as British Telecom and Software Sciences are lining up to win a good share of the market. The electric revolution is to take place in October but a wary City is looking at the US experience as a potential model. IBM, particularly through the popularity of its personal computers with dealers, and DEC are also poised to attack the new stock exchange market.

The London Stock Exchange is still not clear what steps it will take to ensure that its members embrace the full benefits of the technology. Its own mainframe computer system, the Stock Exchange Automated Quotation (Seaq) system, will offer a facility similar to that employed in the US, where traders are allowed to buy and sell small batches of stock at the touch of a button. The batches are in predefined volumes to aid brisk trading.

The dissemination of data is almost as important as the information itself. Again Prudential-Bache is typical of the big companies whose independent high-speed communications links are vital. After the installation of micro and mini computers in more than 300 branches and affiliates across the US, the group is perfecting its plans for a national satellite network linking many of these locations.

A satellite dish at the main headquarters can communicate in seconds with any of these regional locations, giving the company independence of the national and local telecommunications carriers. Such links in the UK would need to be provided through BT or its licensed rival, Mercury. But more liberalization has been promised in Britain.

The information providers will also have a big impact on the new British market. British Telecom's Prestel, the viewdata service which offers financial data, is undoubtedly in a prime position to benefit from the new market. Reuters has already established itself by providing a financial information service, as has Extel.

But other new information providers will evolve. In the US, some dealers have their own information banks, which are made available to others.

The Big Bang could also give a boost to British cable TV. Such cable networks could carry financial programmes to be relayed to the traders as part of their information. New York dealers have *Financial News Network* — a financial cable TV programme — displayed on screens for their dealers to monitor.

Britain is poised to follow the US. The 10 years' head start which the Americans have will be dissipated overnight if the British learn from the US failures as well as their successes.

Thames Valley stops the rot

By Richard Sarson

Britain has always suffered from a mismatch between the training that the educational system provides and what industry actually needs.

Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, at a meeting in London's European Parliament offices last week, complained that "too much of the State system of training is unresponsive" and "too many colleges are not different enough to what they were."

In the computer industry this has resulted in a disastrous skills shortage. Today, the speed of change in high technology means that a training course becomes out of date after only two and a half years. So the educationalists have to run to stand still, both to design training courses for new entrants, and to retrain people already employed.

In the Thames Valley, the heart of England's computer industry, a survey by the local Chamber of Commerce showed that 80% of firms in *the area find difficulty in* recruiting skilled staff. These shortages are across the spectrum: from professional engineers to word-processing typists. The Thames Valley has the additional problem that house prices are so high that it cannot import skills from other more low-cost areas. So it has to grow its own.

Last week the two Euro-MPs for the area. Baroness Elles (Thames Valley) and her son James Elles (Oxon & Bucks), launched an initiative *to give local industry, particularly* medium and small firms, more say in moulding the courses of the local universities and polytechnics. The project is called Target, the Thames Action and Resource Group for Education and *Training. It will be funded by* EEC money from the COMETT programme for Education and Training for Technology, and, it is hoped, by the Manpower Services Commission.

Industry, in the shape of Rank Xerox, is helping, by providing and paying for a director for the project. Later, Target will charge local industry for its services. Ninety-two firms have already taken part in a survey. Target will have permanent staff, who will conduct seminars between training "demanders" and training "providers" to identify the demanders' need for new or different training facilities.

A database of training courses in the region will be set up on an ICL mainframe. It will also analyse patterns of employment: the qualifications of trainees coming on the *market and the skills of the* existing labour force. The directors of Target will tell the heads of universities and training establishments of the predicted training needs in new technology, and ask for changes in the curriculum.

The European dimension is that this will be a pilot project for other similar schemes in continental countries. Lady Elles hopes that the Thames scheme is a "micro effort which will become a macro" to solve the Community's skills shortage in Europe's *other Silicon Valleys: Grenoble*, Toulouse, Bavaria and the Clyde.

● *New IT college next page*

Look, no hands!

British Telecom has introduced the QWERTphone, a hands-free featurephone, which can also replace the keyboard of an IBM compatible PC.

It turns the PC into a terminal, linked through a PBX, to mainframe data services, like Telecom Gold and Prestel. So the PC user who wants to communicate will no longer have to clutter his desk with modems and auto-diallers.

Even without the PC link, it has an inbuilt telephone directory of up to 500 numbers, and a small four-line screen for typing memos and for making the telephone more menu-driven and friendly than most PBX featurephones. With a printer attached, it can also replace a telex machine, and pass electronic messages to other QWERTYphones and to the BT Tonto (ICL One Per Desk).

It costs under £400, which must make it one of the cheapest computer-terminals in the world. BT sees it being used by car dealers ordering spare parts. To sell it as a PC keyboard, BT will use micro distribution channels rather than its own sales force. It also plans to sell it abroad.

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BUSINESS MICROS SALES EXECUTIVES — LONDON NATIONWIDE — XR3I, SIERRA 2GL EARNINGS UP TO £50K £14k BASE £30k OTE

This dynamic micro computer sales organisation is recognised as one of the leading independent business systems groups in the U.K. Following their explosive but planned growth, giving an impressive turnover in excess of £15 million, they are seeking successful Sales Executives to complement their existing highly profitable teams. The key criteria are:– self-motivation, and a proven track record in business micro sales such as IBM and Compaq. Their impressive portfolio of clients includes numerous public companies. This is a superb opportunity to join an established, rapidly growing company who have gained nationwide credibility in the total solutions sales arena. Excellent company benefits include backup from top technical support divisions, high earnings incentives and a choice of superior company car.
REF TL 13563

MAJOR ACCOUNTS MANAGER — W. LONDON — GRANADA/SIERRA GHIA £17,000 BASIC £37,000 OTE

DATA COMMUNICATIONS

One of the leading and most successful data communications companies in the U.K. is *urgently recruiting for a new* key position. The position of Major Accounts Manager requires the combined skills of large account development and team management. The successful applicant should be a top sales professional with several years major account development experience at a senior level within the data comms industry. The brief will be to maximise profitability of a select list of Major Accounts through your own sales expertise as well as through the motivation of your own sales team. The seniority of this role is reflected in the excellent earnings package. Other benefits include definite career advancement in this growing company, quality company car, pension and BUPA.
REF TL 13562

SENIOR SALES EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS — CITY — £40k OTE £20k BASIC GUARANTEE

The Financial Systems Division of a major and long established computer group is recruiting a Sales Professional to sell at senior levels within the City. The company has enjoyed considerable success through the sales of their Banking and Investment Software packages. Existing users among the extensive client base include leading Merchant Banks and Insurance companies. The successful applicant should possess a track record showing high achievement gained selling financial systems or consultancy in the City, combined with a highly professional approach and the ability to generate new business. This represents an outstanding opportunity to join a respected and specialised organisation with further career advancement a strong possibility. In addition to the very achievable on target earnings on offer there is also a non-contributory pension, private health care, company car and a guarantee.
REF TB 13269

BANKING & COMMUNICATIONS

PROJECT LEADERS (GLOBAL BANKING SYSTEMS) — CITY OF LONDON — £30k + CAR + BANKING BENEFITS

To maintain their leading edge in the development of large sophisticated Global Banking Systems, the Information Systems Division of this International Merchant Bank wish to recruit experienced Project Leaders. The successful applicants are likely to have extensive knowledge of Eurobond Dealing, Foreign Exchange and/or Money Market Systems as these are the three main areas currently being developed. The Project Leaders appointed should be self motivated individuals who not only lead by example but have a proven ability to communicate and work under pressure to tight timescales. Developments are centred on IBM equipment, however, the company place more importance on business awareness than a particular hardware experience. The salary and benefits on offer reflect the importance of these roles.
REF TR 13070

ANALYST/CONSULTANT INVESTMENT BANKING — CITY — TO £25,000 + CAR (£8,000)

Our client is an international company who are currently providing banking systems on a worldwide basis. At present they require a Systems Analyst or Consultant to complement the section which is responsible for the portfolio investment management systems. Candidates should have considerable knowledge of investment banking systems and a proven track record of analysis and design. Suitable applicants should have good academic qualifications, the determination to excel in a demanding environment and possess communicative skills expected of high calibre professionals. The company will review salary after four months service and in addition will reward employees who are prepared to work abroad on a temporary basis. In addition to a very competitive salary, the benefits package includes a company car of your choice, BUPA and a pension scheme.
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The rush is on for young Graduate Analysts and Programmers, to develop systems ready for the Big Bang. This is never more apparent than at this City based firm of Management Consultants, who are specialising in the development of Dealer Room, Foreign Exchange and Investment Management systems. Ideally aged mid 20's to late 30's and possessing a good degree, candidates should have gained several years experience in Data Processing and preferably a broad knowledge of a variety of applications. Banking experience although preferable, is not essential, as full training will be given in this and any new hardware/software. Salaries are excellent dependent on experience in addition to comprehensive benefits.
REF TP 12996

COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS — LONDON — TO £30,000 + CAR

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Position: Systems Analyst responsible for the development of on-line accounting and financial applications. A professional and confident person who can develop and install systems successfully in a commercial/business environment.
Experience: Upwards of three years commercial experience gained on large development assignments using mini's or mainframes (any hardware). A programming background is not essential but a complete awareness of the implications of producing detailed specifications from which programmers can work must be demonstrated. IBM mainframe experience will be an advantage, however full cross-training will be provided.
General: Lasting security and a fine opportunity to further your career in an environment using the very latest IBM hardware.
REF: TS 445

MOVE TO IBM PROGRAMMERS/ SENIOR PROGRAMMERS — SURREY — UP TO £15K + SUB MORTGAGE AND FREE LIFE COVER

Company: A successful financial service group well placed within their own market, covering all aspects of financial management, planning and investments.
Position: Programmers, Senior Programmers and Analyst/Programmers to work in small productive teams with considerable inter liaison developing and supporting financial systems.
Experience: A minimum of 18 months COBOL experience gained on mainframe equipment from either a financial or commercial environment. Preference will be given to candidates with ICL DME/VME background, however, any mainframe experience will be carefully considered. At the more senior levels, team leading experience would be an advantage, together with good communicative skills.
General: A significant opportunity to retrain on to IBM and join a progressive company with major IT plans in hand, giving successful candidates career advancement and a secure future.
REF: TF 1192

PROJECT LEADERS/ CONSULTANTS — SURREY BASE — £16-25K QUALITY CAR 2 x BONUS

Company: Market leader supplying its own relational database and 4GL products. Prestigious offices in Surrey (close to London).
Position: Identifying/qualification of users requirements for new and existing financial institutions through all stages of proposal and recommendation to implementation, of Company's own product range. Based in Surrey, you will be working on various client sites in London and surrounding areas.
Experience: Successful applicants must have a sound DP background (no particular hardware preference) and good database (relational) knowledge probably gained from design/administrator duties. You must have had experience of leading at least one similar project through to conclusion, preferably with a financial bias and be capable of leading a team of Programmers and Analyst/Programmers. Verbal and written communication skills and an outstanding appearance are essential.
General: These positions speak for themselves. They offer outstanding and interesting work with a lot of responsibility. Top salaries and a wide range of benefits include: a choice of pension plan and a private patients scheme. Attention to detail and the ability to sell your own abilities; a must.
REF: TX 1300

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Company: A major world wide organisation utilising a variety of micros and IBM mainframes.
Position: The successful candidate will be working within the micro division, supporting and training users at all levels.
Experience: Several years experience of working with micros (any machines) preferably in a support role both by telephone and on site and probably with previous design experience. A sound knowledge of IBM PC's/compatibles, and software packages such as those IURL Lotus 1,2,3., Wordstar etc. Excellent communication skills are essential since you will be working as part of a young professional team.
General: Promotion prospects are outstanding and the candidate will in time be expected to deputise for the Supervisor. The financial package will include substantial benefits, as expected from a large multi-national.
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ANALYST/PROGRAMMERS (PL/1) OVERSEAS TRAVEL — CITY — £15-£17K

Company: Highly successful International Organisation operating from the City and developing successful financial systems which are in great demand both here in the UK and overseas (especially in North America).
Position: Analyst/Programmers to join a dynamic team. Most of the work will be on developing real-time systems and implementing these at various sites. There will be extensive user contact.
Experience: Several years on IBM mainframes with minimum 4 years of Analysis & Programming in a PL/1, CICS environment. Applicants from software houses with strong financial or banking experience will be particularly useful but training will be given if necessary.
General: Excellent career prospects for the ambitious with opportunity to work with the latest technology and to travel throughout the world. Good company benefits. You will be encouraged to take on greater responsibility, leading to promotion and in time to Financial/Banking Consultant.
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SALES DATA COMMS — LONDON BRISTOL — to £20K BASE £35K OTE CHOICE OF CAR GUARANTEE BUPA

Company: *Established and successful manufacturer now bringing out a new data communications* product to complement their existing range of widely used systems.
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

IT college rises out of private resources

By Frank Brown

A new style higher education establishment specializing in *information technology* will open in Milton Keynes this autumn.

Its formation has not involved public money. So it will be free of government financial cuts and be able *to develop new* approaches to teaching and research in IT.

The IT Institute is the first of its kind to be created jointly by industry and a university institution. It is to provide teaching and research for industry and commerce.

More than 25 British and US-owned firms have collaborated with Cranfield Institute of Technology and collectively *invested £3.5 million to set it* up.

It will be run as a self-supporting commercial company rather than on normal academic lines. The participants will hold shares and having representatives on its board of directors.

The board will have direct control of the new institute's activities to ensure courses and research are geared to industry requirements and based on the world's latest IT resources.

Launching the new institute, Sir Henry Chilver, Vice-Chancellor of Cranfield, described it as a milestone in industry-university collaboration *and predicted such collaboration would increase.* said: "Without sponsorship from industry, universities and technical colleges will never be able to keep pace with changes inIT and provide the quality of training needed."

Sir Henry explained that IT is developing so fast that most equipment becomes obsolete in two years and needs replacing if training standards and cost-*effectiveness are to be* maintained.

Universities and technical colleges cannot make such frequent high re-investment, or pay industry-level salaries to staff, because of bureaucratic funding arrangements. So not enough people are being trained. Many students are being taught on obsolete equipment and, after graduation, cannot be usefully employed *until they have had* more training on systems in commercial use, he contended.

Initially, the new institute will have teaching and research units in artificial intelligence, *micro-electronics,* computer science, software engineering and communications technology.

Sponsor companies with expertise will second key personnel *to cooperate with staff in* creating and running courses on the new technologies involved. The institute will encourage staff who have developed new products to form their own companies. The teaching activity is expected to grow to 200 post-graduate and 4,000 short-course students a year. It also aims to have a small stream of undergraduates.



Extras to the PC limits

By Geof Wheelwright

The ageing IBM PC is being fitted with all kinds of electronic pacemakers to give it more power and a longer life.

Among these are high-powered internal mass-store hard discs, which plug into the computer and require no additional modifications to the computer or installation of separate power supplies. The latter point, however, has *some computer users worried* that the new high-capacity plug-in devices might overload their machines.

But the people who sell what are known as hard cards say that the fear is unfounded. Though they admit that hard disc add-on devices which do not have their own power *supplies are likely to see the* PC's power supplies get hotter, they are within the machine's design-tolerance limits.

But how long will this state of affairs continue? You can now buy memory boards which increase a PC's memory to more than 10 times its previous maximum limit, add up to 30 megabytes of computer hard disc storage and put add-ons in the machine which bring its speed of operation up to that of IBM's new AT computer. The question is whether such devices are a way of staving off the day that the IBM PC design becomes *obsolete* — or just *an* enhancing of what will be the industry standard computer hardware design for some time to come.

This change of pace in the computer industry has made it difficult for any standards to be established, but the strength of IBM's position in the market and its own vast distribution muscle have created a hardware standard that even IBM is struggling to break free from.

IBM's one-year-old AT computer, for example, still does not have a massive amount of computer software written specifically for it, despite the name. The AT can run most IBM PC software, and the industry has thus been *cautious about developing* software locked into the AT design.

The laptop picture may yet get better

By Chris Naylor

By a devious piece of reasoning the recent news that IBM *is to support 3½-inch disc* drives on its new portable computer could well mean that one day soon users of such machines are due to get a significantly better screen to look at and that portables really are the product of the future.

Not that IBM actually said anything like that.

It did say was that it has entered the portable market with the PC Convertible, a battery-powered laptop machine with an 80-column by 25-line liquid crystal display and two 3½in. disc drives — and that it will now support 3in. drives on its PC XT and PC AT machines.

But two main problems have to date plagued the market take-off of portable machines.

The first has simply been *the fact that normal floppy* discs are 5¼ inches in diameter. Now, that may not sound like a great difference from 3½ inches — until you try to spin the things around in a disc drive. The extra diameter of the 5¼in. drives requires much more power to spin them than most batteries can provide. So far, that has led to one of two difficult compromises.

The first compromise is to make portable machines mains, not battery, powered. And, if you think that a computer is still portable when you have to plug it into the mains to make it work, *you have never tried working* out of doors, on a train, in a car, or on a plane.

But, in some ways, that is actually better than the second compromise solution: to use 3½in. drives in a portable at a time when IBM did not support them.

It is one thing to be able to do your work any place and at any time you feel like it; quite another to get back to the office with that work on a disc that does not fit the drives on any of the big desk machines used by everyone else.

Now, by supporting smaller discs, IBM has made the battery-powered laptop portable that remains compatible with non-portable machines a true contender in the marketplace. Already Lotus, Ashton-Tate, Pegasus, Compsoft and Microsoft are among the top software houses planning to produce their current software available on the new format.

The second problem with portable machines is simply that their display screens are mostly terrible.

But that may change. If you see the PC Convertible as a stop-gap measure to give IBM a toe-hold in the portable market and the new 3½in. drives as an overall strategy designed to ensure that compatibility exists throughout the entire PC range until a legible-screen portable arrives, everything makes a lot better sense.

Spark of hope for live wires

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ Anyone who has ever logged excitedly on to a big new office system and then watched it all crumble into electronic confusion will say a little prayer of thanks for two IBC Technical Services publications out this month. If advance publicity is to be believed, it should never happen again.

Wiring Up the Workplace (£55) explains the basic planning and implementing of a complete communications strategy for the modern building.

A problem that sometimes emerges after installation of a new system is that of parts and maintenance; the book explains how to find a reliable supplier.

The authors are Roger Camrass, who wrote *Buying a PABX*, and Ken Smith.

Financial Trading Systems, 1986 is a new annual guide to equipping a trading room with the latest technology – ie, everything from information technology to architectural design.

In a series of articles by experts such as Paul *Robathan, author of Dealing Room Design*, and Siobhan Haney, technological editor of *The Banker*, the guide (cost £30) sets out to clarify the choice of equipment available today. It is divided into eight sections, covering, say the publishers, "every area from communications and information systems to electrics and furniture". And it looks at wider issues such as the property explosion and deregulation.

With articles on the new Morgan Guaranty dealing rooms and markets such as NASDAQ and Intex, it is clearly aimed at those who cannot wait for the coming city revolution. Should go with a *big bang.*

■ The link between computers and modern rock music – electro-pop and its myriad variations – is well-known, so it is appropriate *that the seventh Official* Commodore Computer Show is to feature live performances by Rick Wakeman.

Billed as "world-famous", *the keyboards players who, to* use Computese, was the true "liveware" behind Yes, will play on two days of the show, in a specially built Commodore Theatre at the Novotel in Shortlands Street, *Hammersmith, London W6.*

The show, which runs from May 9 to 11, will also be joined by Neil Dickson, eponymous star of the forthcoming film, *Biggles*, and therefore linked to an associated computer game due out soon. Dickson, better known as Valerius in the TV series, *Anno Domini*, will be signing autographs – in Latin, presumably – and waiting to give interviews at the Mirrorsoft stand.

■ Two of the BBC's language courses, popularized through radio, television, books and cassettes, are now available in software. The packs, produced in association with BBC Education, are *Deutsch Direkt!* a first-stage German course, and *A Vous La France!*

The German pack includes a software dictionary of more than 1,000 words and six programmes based around *them, devised by Paul* Meara of Birbeck College, University of London, and Maddalena Fagandini, producer of *Deutsch Direkt!* on TV. The French course includes 45 programmes *based on the book of the* series and has been devised by Doctors Marie-Madeleine and Michael Kenning. Both include an audio tape to help pronounciation.

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■ Absenteeism is considered something of a disease in British industry, so Percom, a software company, has designed what it calls a computerized "absence control package". The system keeps records for up to 20 different types of absence, including sickness, lateness and medical leave.

The ethical code that governs all accountants

● *From Brian Jenkins, president, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate Place, London EC2:*

Mr Jacot (Computer Horizons, April 15) is very free with his aspersions about the *accountancy profession. His* criticism amounts only to saying that some accountants may not maintain in all aspects of their work the highest standards of competence and integrity. Unfortunately, the same can be said of the members of any profession, be they lawyers, doctors or computer consultants.

But one of the characteristics *of a profession is that* it has an ethical code which members are expected to observe or risk being disciplined.

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Accordingly, the ethical principles of our institute require that a member "should not undertake or continue professional work which he is not himself competent to perform unless he obtains such advice and assistance as will enable him competently to carry out his task". This applies as much to advice on computer matters as to any other area of our work.

Mr Jacot does not make it clear that our members are specifically required, when acting as agents, to disclose in writing to a client both the fact that a commission will be received and its terms and amount.

A chartered accountant who fails to observe our ethical guidelines when advising on *computers and their software* should be reported to the institute. It investigates all complaints against members. I would urge anyone with a case which can be substantiated to present the evidence to the institute.

● *From Hedley Thomas, senior vice president, Institute of Management Consultants, Cromwell Place, London SW7:*

It has always been a *sine qua non* that our members disclose to clients any financial interest in goods or services recommended or supplied. This is part of our Code of Professional Conduct.

A *number of problems in* the computer field raised by Mr Jacot's article do not confront clients of institute members. For example, in making an evaluation of equipment/software consultants are obliged to establish the product(s) most suited to client needs, taking account of the computer interface with other parts of the organization.

Our members operate professionally with broad business knowledge. The temptation to recommend technological bundles never arises.

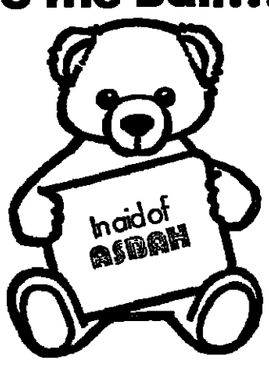
Market intelligence increasingly indicates that clients will accept nothing less than collaboration with ethical management consultants who achieve levels of up-to-date skill, knowledge and experience attributable to Institute membership — the recognized individual qualification for professional consulting work. This eliminates client risks suggested by Mr Jacot.

Mr Jacot cites the accounting profession as one where "most of them are also in the business of selling either computer equipment or software" allegedly concealed "behind a fog of evasion and excuses".

I believe the exact opposite to be the position. The normal practice is to help the client to specify his systems requirements *in writing before agree*ing with the client the criteria for supplier selection.

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Law Report April 29 1986 Chancery Division

Limit of depositors' interest in Trustee Savings Bank

TSB Central Board and Another v Vincent and Another

Before Mr Justice Scott

[Judgment given *April 28*]

The assets of the Trustee Savings Bank were held, subject to the various statutory obligations imposed on the bank and its trustees by the Trustee Savings Bank Act 1981 and its rules, upon trust to provide for repayment to its depositors of their deposits and of interest thereon in accordance with the contracts upon which the deposits were made. Mr Justice Scott held in the Chancery Division.

The depositors had *no interest* beyond that; their position being somewhat similar to that of a beneficiary entitled to capital and interest thereon charged on a trust fund. The depositors' interest was limited to the *contractual right* to principal and interest.

Mr Andrew Morritt, QC and Mr Christopher Symons for the Trustee Savings Bank Central Board and the custodian trustee; Mr Donald Rattee, QC and Mr *Lionel Scott for the Rev John* Vincent, representing the depositors; Mr Peter Scott, QC and Mr Timothy Lloyd, QC, for the Treasury.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that trustee savings banks began *in the early years of the* nineteenth century as unincorporated associations managed by trustees for the benefit of depositors whose savings were entrusted to them.

The depositors in general came from the industrial working classes, the intention of the founders being to encourage habits of thrift, and to discourage reliance on the system of poor relief.

It was implicit in the relationship between the trustees and *the depositors that no benefit* was to be taken by the trustees.

In 1817 Parliament enacted that savings banks could pay the deposits into the Bank of England and receive in return government securities carrying interest at a specified rate.

Thereafter the number of trustee savings banks in England and Wales grew rapidly, rising to over 600 by 1860.

In the later years of the last century, the numbers declined as a result of amalgamations, and the process continued until by 1971 the number of banks was 73 but the number of depositors had increased to 10.4 million and outstanding balances to over £3,000 million.

The position today was that *the process had reached its* logical conclusion so that there was now only one in England and Wales, one in Scotland, one in Northern Ireland and one in the Channel Islands.

On any view the trustee savings banks movement had for a long time been a major banking and financial services group.

Ever since 1817 the affairs of trustee savings banks had been regulated by statute, the latest Act, still in force, being that of 1981, which permitted the bank to carry on business in substance as an ordinary bank, inviting and accepting deposits, operating current accounts and giving overdraft facilities, and lending on mortage security.

By the Trustee Savings Bank Act 1985 Parliament provided a scheme of reorganization envisaging the formation of a limited holding company, to which its assets would be transferred, and which could eventually be privatized.

The vesting day had not yet been fixed, because opponents had raised legal objections, contending that it involved compulsory expropriation without compensation of the depositors' interests in surplus assets.

In proceedings in Scotland by Mr James Ross, the Inner House of the Court of Session, reversing the decision of the Lord Ordinary, had held that the savings bank was not an unincorporated association, and that depositors were not members of the bank. An appeal to the House of Lords was expected.

Dr John Vincent was an English opponent, but his affidavit had made it clear that he was not motivated by any desire to obtain some benefit out of the bank's assets over and above repayment of his deposit with interest thereon.

He was, however, disturbed by the change *in the bank's* character which the reorganization would effect from being a philanthropic institution, concerned with the interests of depositors, to a commercial institution, concerned *carrying on* business for the benefit of its shareholders.

He was offended by the Government's intention to privatize the bank. He was asserting publicity that depositors had an interest in the surplus assets.

It was therefore not surprising that the bank wanted the question settled, and had made him a defendant, asking for a representation order that he represent all depositors.

What was at issue was whether the depositors had any *proprietary rights in the bank's* surplus assets.

In considering what answer to give the simplest route would be to decide the question by reference solely to the terms of the *1981 Act*, as the Inner House of the Court of Session had done, but his Lordship thought it impossible to resolve the rival issues without considering the antecedent legislation, since the rights of the depositors were not exhaustively there set out.

Their rights were derived from transactions whereby deposits were placed with the bank and could not be divorced from the history of the previous legislation, and the depositors' relationship with the bank.

It was difficult to escape the *conclusion that under the* 1817 Act the depositors did enjoy proprietary interests in the bank's assets, and his Lordship did not accept Mr Morritt's submission that under the 1817 Act the relationship between depositors and bank was purely contractual.

There was no alternative to the conclusion that the surpluses belonged in equity to the depositors; but it was plain from sections 22 and 23 of the 1828 Act that it was intended to deprive the banks of the power of returning to depositors the post-November 20, 1828 surpluses.

Mr Rattee submitted, relying on *Holmes v Henty* ((1836) 10 Bli NS 255), that even after 1828 the depositors remained in equity the owners of all the bank's assets notwithstanding the 1828 Act.

He fastened on the words of Lord Cottenham in that case. Mr Morritt submitted that his words were *obiter* and incorrect.

In his Lordship's view, Lord Cottenham was correct in regard to the pre-1828 assets, but that post 1828, the position was different, and that the surpluses could not in any circumstances become payable to the depositors.

In 1861 an Act was passed enabling a trustee savings bank to transfer savings accounts to the Post Office, but the amount transferable was limited to principal and interest.

An amending Act of 1863 required the trustees of a bank which closed to pay the surplus funds to the National Debt Commissioners, the depositors' claims being satisfied by payment of any principal and interest.

An Act of 1891 established an inspection committee to supervise the bank's accounts and affairs and section 5(2) prevented the commissioners from making any repayment of surplus funds to the bank except with the consent of the committee.

For a considerable time the commissioners had maintained a special surplus funds account, enabling it to be ascertained *what surplus funds had come* from which trustee savings bank, but by section 3 of the 1958 Act a separate surplus fund account was abolished, except in the case of banks which had closed.

In 1976 the Central Board was established and the surplus funds transferred to it.

All those statutory provisions regarding surplus assets were inconsistent with retention by depositors of some interest therein.

Turning to the *1981 Act*, "savings bank" was defined in terms corresponding closely with those in section 1 of the 1817 Act that is, as "a society formed . . . for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an institution in the nature of a bank (i) to accept deposits . . . (ii) to accumulate the produce of the deposits . . . at compound interest and (iii) to return the deposits and produce to the depositors after deducting any necessary expenses of management but without deriving any benefit from the deposits or produce".

That was an unhappy definition, and was obscure in its meaning. It certainly did not represent what in fact trustee *savings banks did with money* paid in by depositors.

At least since 1828 no trustee savings bank had or could return the whole of its earnings from the deposits.

First, the statutory provisions *would prevent it, and second,* the accounting difficulties would be not just formidable but insurmountable.

The terms of the contract between depositors and the bank excluded by necessary implication any right of depositors to surplus assets. The bank's accounts had been drawn on the footing that its liabilities to depositors were limited to principal and interest due to them.

An order for the payment of the amount due in respect of surplus assets could never be quantified, with in 1977 10.4 million depositers with an average balance of £109.

Accordingly his Lordship held that depositors had no interest in the surplus assets, whether as a going concern or on closure.

Whether those conclusions would be of any assistance to Dr Vincent or whether they provided any reason for the Treasury to be inhibited from appointing the vesting day under the 1985 Act were not matters for his Lordship. But the proposed reorganization would make no practical difference whatever the proprietary rights of the depositors.

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard & Co; John Howell & Co, Sheffield; Treasury Solicitor.

Quaker school is not a commercial venture under employment law

Woodcock and Others v Committee of the Friends School and Another

Before Mr Justice French, Mr T. Batho and Mr J. Vickers

[Judgment delivered April 11]

A Quaker school with charitable status was held to be an undertaking which was not in the nature of a commercial venture for the purposes of regulation 2(2) of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) so that the regulations did not apply and teachers employed at the school immediately before its sale had to bring their claims for compensation for unfair dismissal against the committee who had managed the school rather than against the new owners.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal, by a majority, dismissed an appeal by Mr John Woodcock and four others from a decision of a Carlisle industrial tribunal last September on a preliminary issue as to whether, for the purposes of regulation 5 of the 1981 Regulations there was a relevant transfer from the first respondent, the committee for the time being of the Friends' School, Wigton, to the second respondent, Genwise Ltd. They had appealed on the ground that the industrial tribunal had erred in law in holding that the regulations did not apply.

Regulation 5 provides: "(1) A relevant transfer shall not operate so as to terminate the contract of employment of any person employed by the transferor in the undertaking or part transferred but any such contract which would otherwise have been terminated by the transfer shall have effect after the transfer as if originally made between the person so employed and the transferee

"(2) . . . on the completion of a relevant transfer (a) all the transferor's rights powers duties and liabilities under or in connection with any such contract, shall be transferred . . . to the transferee."

Regulation 2(1) defined "undertaking" as including "any trade or business" but excluding "any undertaking or part of an undertaking which is not in the nature of a commercial venture".

Mr David Mackay for the teachers; Mr John Hand for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH said that for over 150 years the school had been run under the management of the committee.

In 1984 it became necessary to close the school for financial reasons, and the teachers were given notice. Between the giving of the notices and their expiry an agreement for the sale of the school was made between the committee and Genwise Ltd.

In their originating applications the teachers made complaints of unfair dismissal against the committee and Genwise The industrial tribunal found that the school was of charitable status run with the assistance of money given by charitably disposed people.

They found that members of the committee were unpaid and only received modest expenses and that there was no profit motive involved, the aim of the committee being to break even.

The teachers contended on appeal that the activities carried on by the committee were of a commercial nature in that they charged pupils fees and had the possibility of making a profit or running at a loss.

The appeal tribunal, by a majority, would uphold the industrial tribunal's decision. The words "in the nature of a commercial venture" were very much a matter of first impression.

Undoubtedly there was an undertaking in the sense of a trade or business. But the way in which the school was organized and its finances were conducted and its charitable status combined to make it an enterprise which could not fairly be described as a commercial venture.

The appeal would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitors: Burnetts, Carlisle; Ford & Warren, Leeds and Cartmell Mawson & Main, Carlisle.

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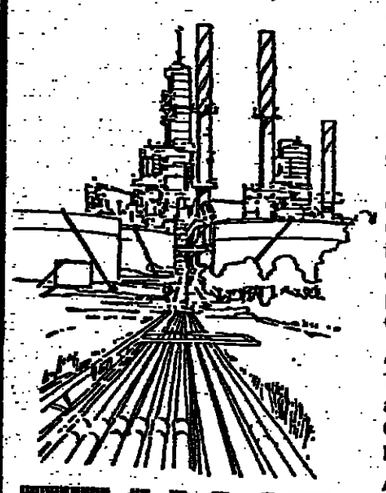
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THE LAW SOCIETY

Legal Aid

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Application form and further details from Clerk & Chief Executive, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2DN. Tel: 01-541 9789. (Ref: MSD/48.)
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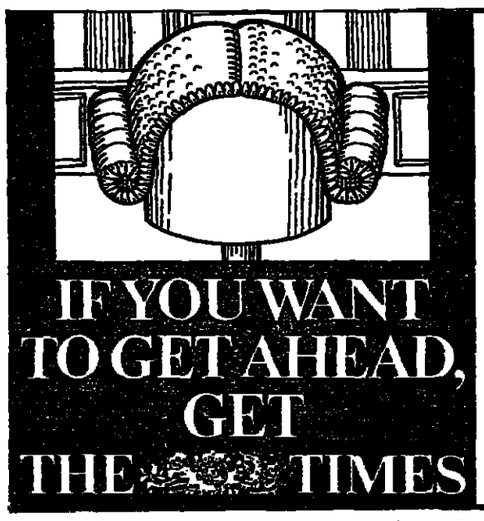
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The ordinary GENERAL MEETING will be held at Industriens Hus, H. C. Andersens Boulevard, Copenhagen, on Thursday 15th May 1986, at 3.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Report on the Company's business during the past year.
2. Presentation of the Audited Group and Company accounts for 1985.
3. Adoption of the annual profit and loss account and balance sheet, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
4. Proposal for the distribution of profit for the past year, including the dividend to be paid.
5. a) Proposal for the Board that the share capital, kr. 201,306,420, be increased to kr. 301,959,640 by the subscription of Kr. 100,653,120 new shares at a price of 400% of nominal value, the Company's present shareholders being entitled to subscription in proportion to their present holdings

Subscription will take place in the period from 28th May to 26th June, 1986, both days included, at Privatbanken A/S, Den Danske Bank af 1871 Aktieselskab, Aktieselskabet Kjobenhavns Handelsbank, Banque Paribas and Hambros Bank Limited.

b) Proposal from the Board that the Company's share capital be increased from kr. 301,959,640 by up to kr. 8,400,000. This capital increase shall be offered to the employees of the Company and of the Company's subsidiaries - except in countries where national regulations prevent this - in accordance with regulations laid down by the Board and approved by the Danish Ministry of Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise. This capital increase is offered to the employees only and not to present shareholders as such.

6. Proposal from the Board that the Company's Articles of Association be altered as follows:

a) Article 1. The Company's name shall be altered to GN Store Nord as. At the same time, the GN Great Nordic Ltd. as and a number of secondary names shall be registered.

b) Article 4. The size of the Company's share capital and the extent of the Board's authorities to increase the share capital.

c) Article 6. Concerning the dividend coupons.

d) Article 13. The time limit for sending cards of admission.

e) Articles 15 and 17. Alterations in the specifications of documents to be laid before the the General Meeting.

f) Article 19. Voting procedure at the General Meeting.

g) Article 22. The number of members of the Board of Management.

h) Article 29. Linguistic alteration.

7. Proposal from the Board that it be authorised to acquire on the Company's behalf up to 10% of the Company's own shares.

8. Election to the Board of Directors.

9. Election of two Auditors for the current year.

According to Article 18 of the Articles of Association adoption of the proposals under 5 and 6 above requires that not less than two-thirds of the share capital be represented at the General Meeting and that the adoption be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast and of the amount of share capital represented at the Meeting as carrying voting rights. In the event that one-fourth of the share capital is not represented but that the proposal is carried by the majority specified above, the proposal may be adopted at a new general meeting convened for that purpose, with the majority specified above and irrespective of the amount of share capital represented at the general meeting as carrying voting rights.

From the 30th April 1986 the Agenda and the full proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, together with the Company and Group Accounts and Report and the Auditor's report, will be open to the inspection of shareholders at the company's office in Copenhagen and in London and Paris. They will also be sent, not later than eight days before the General Meeting, to all shareholders noted in the Company register of shareholders, at the addresses noted in the register.

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RACING: 11-TIMES CHAMPION JOCKEY FORCED TO ABANDON HOPES OF RENEWING LICENCE TO RIDE

Piggott gives up comeback plan after discussion with agent

By Michael Seely

Money received by Lester Piggott for his farewell appearances not only at Nottingham last season but also at several racecourses abroad during the winter has been the principal reason for the 11-times champion jockey abandoning his plans to renew his riding licence and take the mounts on Midway Lady and Tate Gallery in the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket this week.

The rider has apparently been informed by Mike Watt, his agent, that it would be a cause of serious embarrassment if Piggott had persisted with his arrangement made over the weekend with Vincent O'Brien and Ben Hanbury, the trainers of the two hgorses concerned.

Yesterday morning the enigmatic maestro issued the following statement: "After weekend consultation I have decided to honour existing commitments and will not be re-applying for my license." When pressed about whether he might reconsider the situation if offered a mount in the Derby, Piggott replied: "That is the position. I have nothing more to add."

Ben Hanbury, Midway Lady's trainer, was the first to bear the news. "Lester has just rang me and told me that it's all off," he said. "I'm very disappointed, but I'm sure that Ray Cochrane who rides her regularly will make a good substitute."

Vincent O'Brien was informed of the situation later in the day and a spokesman for Ballydoyle said that no new jockey had yet been booked for Tate Gallery. However, Robert Sangster, the Northern Dancer colt's owner, commented: "This news has come like a bolt from the blue. We have been watching video recordings of Tate Gallery's races and were getting very excited about Piggott riding for us again."

Peter Twite, head of administration at the Jockey Club, commented: "I rang Piggott myself this morning, because if he wanted to ride this week, a meeting of the Licensing Committee would have to have been called pretty quickly. He just informed me that he had changed his mind.

"It's very difficult to say what would have happened if his application had been heard," Mr Twite went on. "As I said yesterday, these matters are entirely at the discretion of the stewards and they can impose any restriction or limitation that they wish. I will say this, however. Although there are precedents, I cannot think of a previous situation when a trainer of such a large team of horses has applied for a riding license."



Lester Piggott: Could have been faced with an embarrassing situation if he had returned to the saddle

Armada to miss Derby

Armada is unlikely to run in the Epsom Derby and will probably go to Chantilly for the French equivalent instead. That was the shock news from the colt's trainer, Guy Harwood, after Armada won the Prince of Wales Stakes cheekily by a neck from Wassl Reef at Brighton yesterday.

Harwood said: "Greville Starkey still thinks the colt needs to settle more, and he pulled hard today. Armada is still on course for York's Mecca Dante Stakes, but at the moment Bakharoff looks a better prospect for Epsom. His is a well-balanced horse and more battle-hardened".

All the big bookmaking firms have taken Armada out of their Epsom betting, Shahrastani is the new favourite with Hills and Corals.

18 left in 1,000

A total of 18 fillies have been declared for Thursday's 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket. They are: Ala Mahlik, Asteroid Field, Bridesmaid, Davemma, Dear Margie, Embla, Grande Couture, Improvise, Lady Sophie, Maysoon, Midway Lady, Rose Of The Sea, Sonic Lady, Spun Gold, Tanouma, Tender Loving Care, Volida, Weight In Gold.

Bold Illusion to recover losses

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Having napped Bold Illusion to win the Great Metropolitan Handicap at Epsom a week ago and then seen him fail through no fault of his own, I feel bound to give him another chance at Bath today, so he is my nap to win the Empire Handicap over a distance just short of 1½ miles. The distance will not bother him and nor will the ground, because he has conquered both.

The confidence in Bold Illusion's ability to win that competitive handicap at Epsom, which was based on a fine win at Warwick and an excellent second over hurdles at Liverpool, could be gauged by the fact that he started a firm favourite at 4-1 in a field of 17. Unfortunately, his saddle slipped after they had gone only four furlongs giving his young apprentice rider, Luigi Riggio, no chance whatsoever of staying aboard. Mercifully, neither horse nor jockey came to any harm, hence their swift reappearance this afternoon when a consolation victory would be no more than they deserve.

Riggio knows Bold Illusion well, having won on him at Chester last August and at Warwick again this spring. So, as he can still claim the full 7lb allowance, it remains my contention that BOLD ILLUSION will be very hard to catch with only 7st 11lb on his back this afternoon and he is preferred to Derry Ring, who is not proven over this distance.

In a roundabout sort of way the result of Sunday's Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas), which was won in some style by Fast Topaze, can be taken as a pointer to the chance that PLAID has of winning the Somerset EBF Stakes. For when he ran first time out this season in the Gerry Feilden Stakes at Newmarket Plaid finished a highly creditable third to Flying Trio, who had been runner up to Fast Topaze in the Criterium de St-Cloud in Paris last autumn.

Plaid is trained at Seven Barrows, near Lambourn, by Peter Walwyn, who also looks to have a good chance of winning the second division of the Blathway Maiden Stakes with GOLDEN HEIGHTS. Being by Shirley Heights and out of a mare by Blakeney, my selection should be entirely at home racing over today's distance.

He showed a lot of promise in a couple of shorter races at Newbury and York as a two-year-old. In one he finished just behind Paean, who looked a pretty decent middle distance horse in the making when I saw him win at Newbury earlier this month.

If my impression was correct, ROSEDALE, the colt Paean beat that day, should be up to winning the earlier division at the expence Benisa Ryder, who has also shaped nicely in both his races this season, initially at Doncaster and then again at Kempton.

Framlington Court can be expected to make a bold show in the Ilchester Handicap Stakes after a stout effort at Newbury recently, but I just prefer MODENA REEF, who will be

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meeting Bowl Over on 2lb better terms than at Salisbury, where there was only half a length between them. On that occasion Modena Reef was finishing the best of all.

At Notingham, HIGHEST PEAK is taken to win the Flying Horse Maiden Stakes. Gavin Pritchard Gordon, his trainer, was disappointed when he was beaten four lengths by Pearl Fisher on this course first time out. Perhaps, with hindsight, he had no reason to be because I know that John Francome thinks quite a lot of the winner.

BOXING

Honeyghan is one step away from a world title bout

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bermondsey, the British, European and Commonwealth welterweight champion, could cash in on a million-dollar showdown with Donald Curry, of the United States, the undisputed world champion, by the end of the year. But first the world No. 3 must beat the No. 1 contender, Horace Shufford, of the United States, in a final World Boxing Council eliminator at Wembley on May 20.

It is unlikely that Honeyghan will let Shufford stand in his way now that he is so close to a fortune that could launch his business ventures. "Honey needs money," he said. The Bermondsey boxer, who dresses with style and flair and wants money almost as badly as Sidney Greenstreet, a cool dresser himself, used to. Remember the big man's "Money means more to me than my life. Money means more to me than your life".

Honeyghan's new manager, Bobby Neill, believes that the triple champion has the ability to get past Shufford, who is basically a boxer rather than a puncher, with only five knockouts in his record of 26 wins, two defeats and one draw. "If Honeyghan keeps showing the improvement in the gym he has shown over the last six weeks he will give Curry a hell of a fight".

Honeyghan used to be with Terry Lawless, but now that he has moved to Neill's gym he has not only been happier in himself but shown the ability to match his ambitions. "We can talk to each other and work moves out — before, I had to listen. Bobby has improved my balance and punching and I am a better all-round fighter now", Honeyghan said.

Already the World Boxing Council have appointed the referee and two judges and have asked the British Boxing Board of Control to nominate a third British judge.

Also on the same bill Charlie Magri, the 30-year old European flyweight champion, returns to the ring to defend his title against Duke McKenzie, the British champion from Croydon, who was a boy when Magri was bowling them over.

McKenzie, unbeaten in 16 contests, remains suitably deferential but believes he will win. "I used to watch Magri when I was a boy and never thought I would end up fighting him."

Yet another British champion, Chris Pyatt, the Leicester light-middleweight, also has an outing that night. He meets Adam George, from the United States, who had a good win over Prince Rodney not long before Rodney lost his title to Pyatt.

BADMINTON

Talks on Downey

From Richard Eaton, Jakarta

The future of Jake Downey as England team manager is once again in doubt following the failure of both the men's and women's squads to challenge seriously for medals in the Thomas and Uber Cup world team championships here.

The man whose position has been under threat in recent weeks since a players' petition to remove him from the post will almost certainly have his future discussed at the Badminton Association of England's executive committee meeting next week.

There is a strong lobby to divide Downey's job and move him into another role, probably that of coaching manager. Events of the past few days have intensified the feelings of several leading BA of E officials that quick decisions are necessary when the squads return home.

One possibility is that Paul Whetnall, the coach who has been promoted temporarily to the role of Thomas Cup manager, is likely to find himself involved in a managerial position on a more regular basis. Heather Nielsen, in charge of the Uber Cup squad and the forthcoming chairwoman of the selectors, may also have a greater involvement.

What makes changes all the more likely is that Downey himself is dissatisfied with the present set-up. Whetnall and Nielsen have the confidence of most of the players, leaving Downey, sometimes, as little more than a figurehead. It may be a relief to him, as well as to others, to be moved to the important coaching position for which he is most suited.

Many of the players, meanwhile, will stay on to learn what they can from the climax to the championships.

FOOTBALL

Lecce depart with a decisive say

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

Juventus have retained the Italian championship. Roma cracked in their last two matches, losing both, while Juventus won theirs to go four points clear. On Sunday, they won away to Lecce, who had just beaten Roma in Rome; Roma lost 1-0 in Como. Gordon Cowans' and Paul Rideout's club, Bari, held Udinese to a 2-2 draw; they go down with Pisa and Lecce.

In a hectic European week, Real Madrid are at home to Cologne in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final tomorrow. Their rivals, Atlético, meet Dynamo Kiev in the Cup Winners' Cup final on Friday in Lyons.

Cologne must play their home leg at least 350 miles away from their stadium, a punishment for their supporters' misbehaviour in their last home tie against Waregem. Nevertheless, Real might prefer it the other way around: they are renowned for their remarkable second-leg recoveries at the Bernabeu, such as in the semi-finals when they thrashed Inter Milan 5-1.

As for Dynamo, they will be playing their second Cup Winners' final, having beaten Ferencvaros in 1975. On May 7 in Seville comes the European Cup final in which Barcelona meet the surprising Romanian army club, Steaua Bucharest, the first side from that country to reach a European final and yet snubbed all season by Romania's team manager, Lucescu.

Only the brilliant midfield strategist, Boloni, an army dentist, has been a regular of the national side. Perhaps Lucescu is now wishing he had gambled on the gifted young outside right, Marius Lacatus, who has been in glorious form.

Real Madrid are faced, in attack, with an embarrassment of choice. In their last UEFA game, the absence of their Argentine international forward, Valdano, who was suspended, meant they could use the 34-year-old centre forward, Santillana, who came to life in extra time and notched two more goals.

Real are favourites in their final. But Cologne have two stars who may make all the difference. Harald Schumacher will be is goal, as he was in the Bernabeu in the 1982 World Cup final; and Klaus Allofs is scoring freely.

It is difficult to choose between Kiev and Atlético. In the second leg matches, Kiev lacked the versatile, blond Bessonov, who, like his left sided colleague, Demianenko, can play at full back or in midfield. Da Silva, so penetrative in Uruguay's attack at Wrexham last week, did not play for Atlético.

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EUROPEAN RESULTS

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 2, Laval 0; Nancy 0, Toulouse 1; Nice 1, Bordeaux 1; Brest 1, Lille 1; Nancy 0, Toulouse 1; Paris Saint-Germain 3, Bastia 1; Lens 0, Metz 0; Sochaux 1, Monaco 1; Rennes 1, Strasbourg 1; Nantes 1, Toulon 1. Leading final standings: 1, Paris S-G, 56 pts; 2, Nantes, 53; 3, Bordeaux, 49. Relegated: Bastia and Strasbourg. Promoted: Racing Club Paris and Saint Etienne.

EAST GERMAN: Karl Marx Stadt 2, Stahl Brandenburg 0; Dynamo Berlin 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1; Dynamo Dresden 2, Sachsenring Zwickau 1; Lokomotive Leipzig 1, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 0; Hansa Rostock 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Magdeburg 1, Stahl Riesa 1; Wismut Aue 3, Union Berlin 0. Leading standings: 1, Dynamo Berlin, 30pts; 2, Carl Zeiss Jena, 26; 3, Lokomotiv Leipzig, 26.

SPANISH CUP: Final: Real Zaragoza 1, Barcelona 0.

HUNGARIAN: Debrecen 1, Honved 1; Csepel 3, Volan 0; Tatabanya 1, Ujpest Dozsa 0; Szombathely 2, Rabe Eto 1; Pecs 4, Bekescsaba 1; Zalaegerszeg 2, Vasas 0; Siofok 0, MTK VM 0; Videoton 0, Ferencvaros 0. Leading final standings: 1, Honved, 45pts; 2, Pecs, 39; 3, Raba Eto, 37.

TURKISH: Ankaragucu 0, Fenerbahce 0; Besiktas 5, Orduspor 1; Sariyer 3, Kayserispor 0; Bursaspor 2, Genclerbirligi 2; Kocaelispor 0, Malatyaspor 0; Trabzonspor 0, Rizespor 0; Sakaryaspor 6, Eskisehirspor 2; Samsunspor 2, Demirlishpor 1; Zonguldakspor 0, Galatasaray 0. Leading standings: 1, Besiktas, 47pts; 2, Galatasaray, 47; 3, Samsunspor 39.

BELGIAN CUP: Semi-finals: Club Bruges 5, Francs Borains 0 (agg:7-0); Cercle Bruges 3, Mechelen 0 (agg:3-2)

PORTUGUESE CUP: Final: Benfica 2, Belenenses 0.

GREEK-AEK 0, Panathinaikos 0; Apollon 1, Sarnis 1; Kalamaria 1, Panachaiki 0; Doxa 2, Larissa 1; Ethnikos 0, Irakiis 0; Panionios 1, Ans 0; PAOK 4, Yannina 2; Olympiakos 3, OFI 3. Leading final standings: 1, Panathinaikos, 43pts; 2, OFI, 38; 3, AEK, 36. SOVIET: Zenit Leningrad 3, Dynamo Tbilisi 0; Karrat Alma Ata 1, Chernomorets Odessa 1; Torpedo Moscow 1, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 1; Dynamo Minsk 2, Dynamo Moscow 0; Shakhtyor Donetsk 1, Ararat Yerevan 1; Metallist Kharkov 2, Neftchi Baku 0; Dynamo Kiev 2, Spartak Moscow 1; Zhalgiris Vilnius 1, Torpedo Kutaisi 2. Leading standings: 1, Zenit Leningrad, 10pts; 2, Dynamo Kiev, 10; 3, Chernomorets, 9.

BULGARIAN CUP: Final: Vitosha 2, Sredets 1.

ROMANIAN: Steaua Bucharest 2, Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 1; Rapid Bucharest 1, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Universitatea Club Napoca 2, Politehnica Timisoara 1; Victoria Bucharest 2, Olt 0; Brasov 1, Universitatea 1; Bihor Oradea 1, Bacau 0; Corvinul Hunedoara 5, Mures 0; Gloria Buzau 3, Chimia Vicea 0; Arges Pitesti 2, Petrolul Ploiesti 1. Leading standings: 1, Steaua Bucharest, 43 pts; 2, Sportul Studentesc, 37; 3, Universitatea Craiova and Dinamo 34.

DUTCH: AZ'67 Alkmaar 4, Roda JC Kerkrade 3; Groningen 3, VVV Venlo 4; NEC Nijmegen 0, Fortuna Sittard 0; Ajax 4, Den Bosch 1; Twente Enschede 0, Haarlem 0; Sparta Rotterdam 3, Utrecht 2; Excelsior Rotterdam 2, Feyenoord 1; MVV Maastricht 0, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2. Leading final standings: 1, PSV Eindhoven, 53pts; 2, Ajax, 47; 3, Feyenoord, 41.

YUGOSLAV: Sarajevo 0, Vojvodina Novi Sad 0; Pristina 1, Celik Zenica 0; Sutjeska Niksic 2, Dinamo Vinkovci 0; Buducnost Titograd 2, Rijeka 1, Vardar 1, Dinamo Zagreb 1; Hajduk Split 1, Osijek 1; Velez Mostar 0, Partizan Belgrade 0; Red Star Belgrade 4, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; OFK Belgrade 5, Sloboda Tuzla 0. Leading standings: 1, Partizan, 35; 2, Red Star, 34; 3, Velez, 30. WEST GERMAN: Bayern Munich 6, Borussia Monchengladbach 0; Bayer Uerdingen 5, Fortuna Dusseldorf 2; Cologne 3, Bochum 0; Hamburg 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Hannover 1, Borussia Dortmund 4; Nuramburg 2, Waldof Mannheim 0; Saarbrucken 0, Kaiserslautern 6; Schalke 2, Bayer Leverkusen 2; VfB Stuttgart 2, Werder Bremen 1. Leading final standings: 1, Bayern Munich, 49pts; 2, Werder Bremen, 49; 3, Bayer Uerdingen, 45. Relegated: Hanover and Saarbrucken.

ITALIAN: Avellino 0, Napoli 1; Como 1, Roma 0; Lecce 2, Juventus 3; Milan 1, Atalanta 1; Pisa 1, Fiorentina 2; Sampdoria 0, Internazionale 0; Torino 2, Verona 1; Udinese 2, Bari 2. Leading final positions: 1, Juventus, 45pts. 2, Roma, 41. Relegated: Lecce, Pisa and Bari.

NOTTINGHAM

Going: soft
Draw: High numbers best

2.0 CINDERHILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,022: 5f) (15 runners)

2 BELLE OF STARS M Usher 8-11 — M Wigham 4
3 CHEVSKA M Morley 8-11 — M Birch 8
5 DANCING DIANA R Hannon 8-11 — T Ives 5
6 04 DOUBLE TALK H O'Neill 8-11 — S Whitworth 10
7 DUNGENELL STAR J Harris 8-11 — T Williams 15
8 0 FLAPPER GIRL L Piggott 8-11 — W R Swinburn 9
9 023 FOUR LAFFS W Wharton 8-11 — John Williams 6
10 GREEN'S GALLERY G Blum 8-11 — M L Thomas 3
11 LINPAC NORTH MOOR C Elsey 8-11 — J Lowe 11
15 MOFANDANCER K Stone 8-11 — C Dwyer 13
17 PEGGY'S TREASURE M Britain 8-11 — K Darley 12
18 0 PINTAFORY E Eldin 8-11 — A Mackay 14
19 ROUMELI Lord J FitzGerald 8-11 — B Hills 2
20 SPEEDBIRD M Ryan 8-11 — P Robinson 1
21 THAT'S MOTORING B Preece 8-11 — S Keightley 7

5-2 Four Laffs, 5-1 Flapper Girl, 7-1 Chevska, Pintafory, 8-1 Belle of Stars, Roumeli, 10-1 Dancing Diana, Peggy's Treasure, 12-1 Linpac North Moor, 16-1 others.

Nottingham selections
By Mandarin

2.0 Roumeli. 2.30 Bingo Queen. 3.0 Joveworth. 3.30 Foxcroft. 4.0 Highest Peak. 4.30 Love Walks In.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Speedbird. 3.30 Flying Flynn. 4.0 Highest Peak. 4.30 Love Walked In.

2.30 BAGTHROPE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £760: 5f) (8)

3 00 SARASOTA C Wildman 8-11 — P Robinson 6
4 BAD PAYER M W Easterby 8-8 — M Hindley 8
5 2 BINGO QUEEN J Berry 8-8 — N Fry 7
6 GLORIAD M Britain 8-8 — K Darley 2
7 3023 Mi-Oh-My K Stone 8-8 — C Dwyer 1
8 0 MONS FUTURE H O'Neill 8-8 — S Whitworth 3
9 0 PRINCESS SINGH T Barron 8-8 — S Webster 4
11 3 SAM'S REFRAIN D H-Jones 8-8 — D Williams (7) 5

5-2 Mi-Oh-My, 3-1 Bingo Queen, 6-1 Gloriad, Sam's Refrain, 8-1 Bad Payer, Mons Future, 14-1 Sarasota, 20-1 Princess Singh.

3.0 EASTWOOD HANDICAP (£1,976: 6f) (18)

1 0-00 THRONE OF GLORY (D) D Chapman 5-10-0 S Keightley 16
2 0-00 MARY MAGGIRE (D) D Chapman 9-8-12 — D Nicholls 1
3 00-0 KAREN'S STAR (D) D Chapman 9-8-6 — S P Griffiths 17
5 -000 PANDYSTOWN (D) M Channon 4-9-4 — M Channon 14
7 -300 PHILSTAR A Balding 5-9-3 — E Gasser (3) 13
12 4-01 JOVEWORTH (D) J Glover 3-8-9 (7ex) — M Birch 9
14 0-12 ROSIE DICKINS (C-D)(BF) R Hollinshead 4-8-8 R Lappin (7) 4
15 8-43 HOPEFUL KATIE (BD) D Leslie 4-8-8 — J Williams 7
16 00-0 HILMAY W Charles 4-8-5 — P Robinson 11
17 30-0 JAMES DE COOMBE M Bolton 4-8-3 — M L Thomas 6
18 0420 GOLD DUCHESS (B) M W Easterby 4-8-0 L Charnock 3
19 00-0 GREY STARLIGHT Miss L Siddall 4-8-0 — G Bosley 5
20 00-0 EVEN BANKER D Arbuthnot 7-8-0 — K Darley 17
21 -000 GREAT RELATIVE (B) Mrs N Macauley 4-7-12 — — 10
22 04-4 PINE HAWK D H-Jones 5-7-12 — D Williams (7) 19
25 0-33 STEWSJAN (BV)(BF) B Morgan 4-7-8 — T Williams 2
26 00-0 PORT MIST A Jarvis 4-7-7 — J Lowe 8
27 300- CAPTAIN'S BRIDGE (B) L Lightbrown 6-7-7 — M Fry 15

3-1 Pine Hawk, 7-2 Stewsjan, 5-1 Rosie Dickins, Joveworth, 7-1 Gold Duchess, 8-1 Hopeful Katie, 10-1 others.

3.30 LANGWITH CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,476: 1¼m) (23)

2 00-0 PARKIES BAR (B) J Jenkins 9-4 — J Williams 3
3 8-10 COSMIC FLIGHT (C) M Usher 9-1 — M Wigham 14
5 00-0 HILL RYDE J Harris 9-0 — M Birch 17
6 0-01 MATELOT ROYALE A Davison 9-0 — N Adams 11
7 20- RESHA A Jarvis 9-0 — P Robinson 23
8 00-2 SOLENT LAD B Stevens 9-0 — R Carter (5) 16
9 000- SPRING FLIGHT A Jarvis 9-0 — J Lowe 4
10 0- SUPER SMART M F Goodley 9-0 — R Hills 19
12 00-0 WAY ABOVE H Rohan 9-0 — C Dwyer 2
13 00-0 BELVEL (BY) H Rohan 8-11 — S Morris 7
14 -224 FLYING FLYNN N Callaghan 8-11 — S Cauthen 21
16 HOLME ROOK D Gandolfo 8-11 — E Guest (3) 22
17 004- LADY OWEN W Holden 8-11 — B Rouse (5) 9
18 40-4 PAT'S JESTER H Rohan 8-11 — M Wood 18
20 330- STANGRAVE R Boss 8-11 — M Miller 5
21 0- TYRANNISE B McMahon 8-11 — J Hills (5) 15
22 000- GRANDANGUS R Hannon 8-10 — L Jones (5) 13
25 0-00 FAST AND FRIENDLY R Hollinshead 8-9 — S Perks 19
26 00-0 ARCH PRINCESS (B) R Sheather 8-8 — T Ives 20
27 9-22 S S SANTO M Tompkins 8-8 — M Rimmer 12
28 WINE FESTIVAL M Prescott 8-8 — C Hutter 1
30 000 GEOFF'S FOLLY D Leslie 8-7 — — 8
32 022- FOXCROFT (B) P Haslam 8-5 — T Williams 8

7-2 Stangrave, 4-1 Flying Flynn, 5-1 Foxcroft, 6-1 Lady Owen, 8-1 Hill Ryde, Solent Lad, S S Santo, 10-1 Way Above.

4.0 FLYING HORSE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,176: 1m 2f) (22)

2 00- ALDINO A Stellari 9-0 — M Roberts 12
8 CALL TO HONOR (B)(USA) O Douieb 9-0 R Machado 11
9 0- CANADIAN STAR M Jarvis 9-0 — T Lucas 6
14 0- DUNSTON (USA) F Durr 9-0 — N Connorton 3
16- 0- EMBARR (USA) H Cecil 9-0 — S Cauthen 8
21 000- HIDDEN MOVE W Pearce 9-0 — — 14
22 60-2 HIGHEST PEAK (BF) G P-Gordon 9-0 — W Ryan 13
23 KOOKY'S PET E Eldin 9-0 — A Mackay 10
26 0- LE MOULIN K Brassey 9-0 — S Whitworth 9
30 MAJESTICIAN (GER) G P-Gordon 9-0 — D Gillespie 7
31 033- MILTESCENS A Jarvis 9-0 — D Nicholls 15
33 04- MOUNT OLYMPUS J Watts 9-0 — T Ives 5
35 300- NOBLE VIKING S Mellor 9-0 — M Wigham 16
38 00- QUEZAL Dr C Vittadini Jarvis 9-0 — N Day 17
40 -004 ROYAL EFFIGY D Leslie 9-0 — J Williams 18
41 00-0 RUN BY JOVE (B)(USA) S Norton 9-0 — J Lowe 10
42 04- RYE HILL MARINER S McMahon 9-0 — P Robinson 22
43 SENDER (USA) A Stewart 9-0 — M Rimmer 21
47 TENDER TYPE M H Tompkins 9-0 — M Rimmer 20
50 0 WILLWOOD M Tompkins 9-0 — R Morse (5) 4
51 ASHFORD LASS P Burgoyne 8-11 — — 1
57 TANAGON H O'Neill 8-11 — R Hills 2

7-4 Enberr, 7-2 Mount Olympus, 4-1 Milltescens, 6-1 Call To Honor, 10-1 Quezal, Highest Peak, 16-1 others.

4.30 FOREST HANDICAP (£1,578: 1m 6f) (20)

2 0-10 INTUITION (C-D) M Usher 4-9-8 — M Wigham 9
4 00-2 NORTHERN RULER L Lightbrown 4-9-7 — M Fry 16
5 0022 ARTESIAN R J-Hooghiem 4-9-5 — S Cauthen 7
6 344- ISLAND EXILE J Watts 4-9-5 — T Ives 8
7 -412 MEECK (SW)(B) N Tinkler 4-9-4 — Kim Tinkler (7) 6
8 000- WANDERING WALTER B Morgan 4-9-4 C Price (7) 15
9 800- AMIGO ESTIMADO K Brassey 4-9-1 — N Adams 11
11 33-0 TOUCH OF LUCK (FR) R Hollinshead 4-8-12 S Perks 2
14 0-00 HIGHAM GREY D Chapman 10-8-10 — D Nicholls 12
15 300- BLENDERS CHOICE K Brassey 4-8-10 S Whitworth 17
16 32-0 CAMPUS BOY Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-9 — S Webster 16
17 0-00 MY CHARADE (B)(C) Mrs B Waring 5-8-9 J Williams 20
18 00-0 FAR TO GO M Chapman 4-8-8 — N Connorton 18
20 60/0 FAIDROS (FR) J Old 5-8-6 — NON-RUNNER 1
21 00/0 SHIPWRIGHT H O'Neill 5-8-6 — R Hills 5
22 0013 LOVE WALKED IN (C-D)(BF) W Holden 5-8-4 R Mosse (5) 18
24 00/0 BALUCHI B Preece 5-8-3 — S P Griffiths (5) 3
27 008 WELSH GUARD M Britain 4-7-13 — K Darley 6
28 00- SUPER GRASS S Mellor 7-7-12 — B Crossley 14
30 58-4 THE MISSISSIPPIAN M Eddery 5-7-10 — T Williams 13

7-2 Artesium, 4-1 Intuition, 5-1 Touch Of Luck, Love Walked In, 11-2 Northern Ruler, 8-1 Wessex, 10-1 others.

SEDGEFIELD

Going: good to soft

5.15 GROVE NOVICE HURDLE (£822: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1 1060 FROSTY TOUCH Mrs E Slack 8-11-11 — K Earnshaw
2 200P GRANVILLE PARK Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-11 G Bradley
4 3 POWERSAVER LAD (B) J Sykes 6-11-11 Mr S Sykes (7)
7 -000 AVIATION SUPPORT J Wade 8-11-1 — Mr J Wade
10 006 BEECHWOOD SAILOR F Walton 5-11-1 — Mr J Walton
13 F0 CAVALIER CROSSETT E Caine 5-11-1 — Mr N Julian (7)
15 FALKLANDS POLLY G Richards 6-11-1 — D Coakley
16 02 IMPEN (NZ) M H Easterby 5-11-1 — A Bates
JEALOUS MOON Mrs G Rawsley 5-11-1 — P Niven (4)
21 P JUMPEREATER (B) Miss Z Green 5-11-1 — —
23 PF0 NO LEMON G Richards 11-11-1 — P Tuck
29 46-0 RITAS LOVE Denys Smith 5-11-1 — C Grant
30 00 SPRINGVALE BID R Fisher 5-11-1 — M Meagher
32 30-1 THE WILK W A Stephenson 7-11-1 — R Lamb
33 0-00 WAREN FORD Ron Thompson 6-11-1 Jayne Thompson (7)
34 P0 ALL SILVER R Bastiat 6-10-10 — A Stringer
36 WHITEGATES LADY R Gray 5-10-10 — —
40 00 SOVEREIGN LAD G M Moore 4-10-7 — M Hammond

5-2 Impen, 3-1 Granville Park, 5-1 Frosty Touch,

Sedgefield selections
By Mandarin

5.15 Impen. 5.45 Mr Spot. 6.15 Zanlander. 6.45 Jimmy Chips. 7.15 Dover. 7.45 Newmarket Sausage. 8.15 Biras Creek.

Michael Seely's selection: 7.45 RULE OF THE SEA (nap).

5.45 CASTLE EDEN NOVICE CHASE (£960: 3m 600yd) (13)

1 0311 MR SPOT R Shiels 9-12-6 — Mr R Shiels (7)
4 P3F1 BEAU N'IDOL (C-D) E H Robson 7-11-12 — Mr T Reed
6 46F1 ROYAL BOWLER J Charlton 7-11-12 — R Earnshaw
7 -4020 BEAU LYON D Lamb 8-11-4 — R Lamb
8 2F02 CLONROCHE STREAM W A Stephenson 7-11-4 Mr M Thompson (4)
9 P8-0 GO ON JOE J Richardson 12-11-4 — P-A Farrell (4)
13 4F80 MENALIST R W Johnson 10-11-4 — Mr P Johnson (7)
14 P00P PRINCE SWEET G Richards 6-11-4 — P Tuck
16 00FF TULLYCANNA J Wade 6-11-4 — Mr J Wade
19 330P BANNOW BURN K Oliver 6-10-13 — J K Kissane
20 00P4 BISHOPS BELL (B) Mrs C Clark 9-10-13 Mr D Kinsella
21 P00P CRESTA CROSSETT E Caine 8-10-13 — D Smith
22 0000 NETHERDAR W Wharton 6-10-13 — S J O'Neill

9-4 Mr Spot, 7-2 Beau N' Idol, 5-1 Clonroche Stream,

6.15 EBF SPRING SOWING HUNTER CHASE (£918: 3m 600yd) (9)

2 1660 RABINSKI J Hellens 11-12-3 — Mr T Reed
4 3-30 GENERAL RULE O Vaughan-Jones 8-11-12 Mr O Vaughan-Jones (7)
5 PPP- JOHNNY-ROY Mrs M Armstrong 10-11-12 Mr C Storey (7)
6 /0-0 LANDAS SLAVE (B) F Barton 10-11-12 Mr A Griffiths (7)
8 LITTLE BURDON Miss J Smith 9-11-12 — —
11 0-32 ZANLANDER Miss P Wilis 11-11-12 — Mr N Tutty (7)
12 F0P0 GOMARICH Mrs P Wright 9-11-7 — Mr R Tate (7)
13 09 GRANGE CLASSIC E Caine 13-11-7 — Mr N Jones (7)
14 -PPP SATWANDA F Walton 8-11-7 — Mr J Walton

13-8 Rabinski, 7-2 Zanlander, 5-1 General Rule,

6.45 BRANCEPATH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 2m 4f) (17)

1 2U23 SKEWSBY (B)(D) M W Easterby 10-12-7 — A Stringer
3 11PP XUMON SUNSHINE (B)(C-D) D Yeoman 9-12-0 C Hawkins
5 0111 BORDER KNIGHT (C-D) J Haldane 11-11-11 G Bradley
6 24-8 HUMERATE (C-D) R Fisher 7-11-7 — M Meagher
7 40-P HAPPY WORKER M W Easterby 11-11-7 — P Tuck
8 03F- COLOURFULL PADDY G Richards 11-11-3 D Coakley
10 F130 GOWAN HOUSE (C-D) W A Stephenson 7-11-2 R Lamb
12 PP24 RATHCOLMAN LASS (B) J H Johnson 8-10-12 R Earnshaw
13 001P FORTSTAR (D) S Christian 8-10-11 — NON-RUNNER
14 0100 SAINT-MUNIN (BHC) Mrs D Durham 12-10-5 — —
15 4244 OAKPRIME D Pitcher 11-10-9 — Mr D Pitcher
16 000P LEGAL EMPEROR M Naughton 8-10-6 — M Hammond
17 3423 PARK TOWER P Monteith 8-10-6 — NON-RUNNER
18 4091 JIMMY CHIPS (C) D Lee 9-10-4 (7ex) — C Grant
19 3006 KINDRED Ron Thomson 10-10-0 Jayne Thompson (7)
20 4301 SHOOLER PRINCE F Watson 9-10-0 (7ex) — G Hanlon
21 24P4 FLITTERMERE (D) R E Peacock 15-10-0 — D Dutton

4-1 Jimmy Chips, 5-1 Numerate, 6-1 Border Knight,

7.15 HETTON NOVICE CHASE (£960: 2m) (10)

1 1212 FERGY FOSTER (C-D)(BF) W A Stephenson 5-12-6 R Lamb
2 U612 DOVER (BF) M H Easterby 6-11-9 — D Dutton
4 40-3 BELLITTO J Charlton 8-10-13 — R Earnshaw
5 0002 CONNECTOR D Yeoman 7-10-13 — P A Farrell (4)
6 0U43 HISTORIC HOUSE (B) M Easterby 11-10-13 — A Brown
8 P00F THE RIDINGS R Tate 7-10-13 — Mr R Tate
9 3000 VITRIOLIC R Fisher 7-10-13 — M Meagher
12 00PY GOOD GOING GIRL R Swiers 6-10-8 — S McNeill
14 0P00 BOTTLE AND GLASS E Alston 5-10-7 — K Dooton
15 0004 CHRISETT G V Hall 5-10-2 — A McGilligan
10-11 Dover, 3-1 Fergy Foster, 5-1 Vitriolic,

7.45 BILLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,242: 2m 4f) (10)

2 110P HA'PENNY NAP (C-D) K Stone 8-11-11 — J D Davies (7)
3 1408 RULE OF THE SEA (USA)(BF) A Scott 5-11-10 D Condell
4 0011 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE (C-D) G M Moore 5-11-9 (10 ex) M Hammond
5 1042 SECRET FINALE (C-D) J H Johnson 7-11-6 — M Hill (7)
14 0P-4 TASTY GUY R Fisher 7-10-1 — M Meagher
15 2000 DISCAIN BOY C Thinder 6-10-0 — M Dwyer
16 -000 BUCKMINSTER BOY W Wharton 5-10-0 — S J O'Neill
17 0U00 DUSTY FARLOW (D) B Preece 7-10-0 — —
19 0001 UNCLE OLIVER (C) V Thompson 5-10-0 Mr M Thompson (4)
20 0101 GO LISSAVA (B) R E Peacock 8-10-0 — D Dutton

3-1 Newmarket Sausage, 4-1 Rule of the Sea, 9-2 Secret Finale,

8.15 RYHOPE NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £548: 2m) (16)

1 P ANOTHER DOLLAR (B) A Batey 11-0 — Mr J Quinn (7)
2 4003 BIRAS CREEK (B) J S Wilson 11-0 — C Grant
3 F CRACK-A-JIM Miss Z Green 11-0 — —
4 4000 DARWINA R W Johnson 11-0 — Mr P Johnson (7)
5 DEBRIS W A Stephenson 11-0 — K Jones
6 0008 FAVOUR-BY-FORTUNE P Curtis 11-0 — A Brown
7 0P02 LOW MOOR M W Easterby 11-0 — P Tuck
8 00 POKEY M W Easterby 11-0 — A Stringer
10 STAY ON TRACKS W A Stephenson 11-0 — R Lamb
11 0 TRIAL PERIOD (USA) J H Johnson 11-0 Mr Mellitzer (7)
12 P0 WARTHILL BOY B Fletcher 11-0 — P A Farrell (4

FOOTBALL

Teams in peril face crucial games without key players

Two clubs facing crucial relegation matches tonight and tomorrow may have key players ruled out by injury. Alan Smith, the Leicester City forward, is doubtful for tomorrow night's home game against Liverpool. He has a knee injury which has prevented him playing in the last two games against Queen's Park Rangers and Manchester United, both of which Leicester lost.

The Midlands club, whose only remaining game after Liverpool's visit is another home fixture, with Newcastle United on Saturday, will also be without their winger, Steve Lynex, through suspension. A win and a draw from those two games should ensure Leicester's safety unless Coventry City, who have an inferior goal difference, gain a big win against Rangers on Saturday. Liverpool's need is to win both at Filbert Street and at Chelsea on Saturday, in which case Everton would also require maximum points from their last three games to retain the championship.

The other player likely to miss an important match is Steve Cross, the captain of Shrewsbury Town, whose team's visit to Sunderland tonight is vital to both clubs. He has an ankle injury. A draw would keep Shrewsbury in the second division and leave Sunderland sweating it out until Saturday when they receive the in-form Stoke City.

In the likely absence of Cross, Johnson will return after injury at full back and Hughes will be pushed forward to fill Cross's midfield spot. Nardiello, the former England youth international, who has returned from a loan spell at Cardiff City, where he scored four goals in six outings, is included in a 13-strong squad.

Wimbledon will be without Smith, their central defender, for tonight's home game with Stoke City. He twisted a knee in Saturday's 3-1 home win over Hull City. Martin takes his place and Thorn has been added to the squad as cover. A Wimbledon victory would take them above Portsmouth into the third promotion place.

Les Briley, the Millwall captain, is struggling to recover from injury and may have to miss tonight'smatch at Bradford City. If he is out, either Walker or Leslie is likely to come in with Chatterton, the substitute.

Cultured Amiss adds some spark

By Richard Streeton

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (6 pts) drew with Essex (7)

An attractive, cultured innings by Dennis Amiss, who made the 97th century of his career, was the only significant event as this match ran its course. Rain allowed only 15 minutes play before lunch and prevented any chance of a result.

There was little pressure on Amiss, whose biggest problems were probably the poor light and a bitterly cold wind which made conditions bleak and unpleasant. He took full advantage of some loose Essex bowling, particularly by Foster, and drove and hooked with perfect timing.

Amiss, who celebrated his 43rd birthday earlier this month, shared a fourth-wicket stand of 142 in 32 overs with the South African, McMillan, who was not born when Amiss's career began in 1960. The former England opener reached three figures, without an error, after two-and-a-half hours, square-cutting Gooch for his 14th four. His strokes also included a six against Acfield over long on.

McMillan completed his 50 with a six over mid-wicket against Pringle. He also hit 10 fours before he misjudged a Gooch outswinger. With both bat and ball, McMillan has made an impressive first appearance in the championship.

Earlier, Warwickshire made a slightly shaky start, losing three wickets as well as Dyer, who retired with an injured thumb that he bruised in practice.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 271 for 8 dec (P A Smith 88)

Second Innings

T A Lloyd c East b Foster	22
R I H B Dyer retired hurt	17
G J Lord c Pringle b Foster	11
D L Amiss not out	106
†G W Humpage c Foster b Lever	22
B M McMillan c East b Gooch	64
P A Smith not out	3
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (4 wkts)	250

G J Parsons, G C Small, T A Munton and *N Gifford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-57, 3-91, 4-233.

BOWLING: Lever 13-1-58-1; Foster 15-2-75-2; Pringle 9-0-30-0; Gooch 13-1-47-1; Acfield 10-3-27-0; Border 4-0-12-0.

ESSEX: First Innings (B R Hardie 81)

Umpires: K J Lyons and B J Meyer.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Essex first innings: Bowling: Parsons 14-3-49-0; Munton 15-4-41-1, not as previously published.

Somerset punished by Sharp

TAUNTON: Yorkshire (19pts) beat Somerset (1) by five runs

In a dramatic finish yesterday, Yorkshire squeezed home against Somerset, with Sidebottom and Peter Hartley taking three wickets apiece after Roebuck and Hardy had led the home side's challenge for victory.

Yorkshire added rapidly to their overnight 235 for three against Somerset with Kevin Sharp, 42 not out overnight, leading the way as they reached 302 for three in 111 overs.

In chilly, overcast conditions on the slow, damp pitch, Sharp attacked from the start while Neil Hartley (eight not out) began carefully. Sharp straight drove the West Indian pace bowler, Garner, for his fourth four to reach 50 in 116 balls and raise the 250 in the 100th over.

The pair added 98 in 27 overs before Sharp was clean bowled by Marks for a splendid 96 in a 169 balls, with a six and nine fours. Hartley went for 31, clean bowled by Dredge.

Yorkshire declared at 323 for five, with both sides forfeiting an innings which left Somerset requiring 324 to win in a minimum of 76 overs. By lunch Roebuck and Felton had taken them to 10 without loss in eight overs.

Sidebottom beat Roebuck a number of times after lunch while Felton resumed crisply against him and Graham Stevenson. He cut and glanced Sidebottom for two boundaries and when Hartley returned he repeated the treatment.

Roebuck, meanwhile, improved with some firm strokes and when Phil Carrick came on, lifted him to the long-off boundary. At 63 in the 22nd over, Felton was bowled off his pads by Hartley for 29. Hardy, twice beaten by Hartley, cut Carrick for four then swung him to the long-on boundary as the total went to 84 in 27 overs.

Former Hampshire player Hardy dominated the second wicket partnership with Roebuck and scored a fine 50 in 70 balls with nine fours. At tea, with Roebuck on 47, Somerset were 143 for one and needed another 181 to win in a minimum of 34 overs.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon c Roebuck b Marks	73
A A Metcalfe run out	55
K Sharp b Marks	96
J D Love b Dredge	48
S N Hartley b Dredge	31
*†D Bairstow not out	4
P Carrick not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 15, nb 2)	18
Total (5 wkts dec)	323

A Sidebottom, G B Stevenson, P J Hartley, I G Swallow did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-129, 2-151, 3-218, 4-316, 5-316.

BOWLING: Garner 10-2-27-0; Botham 10-4-20-0; Coombs 31-8-95-0; Dredge 25-7-64-2; Marks 38-9-90-2; Richards 6-0-11-0.

Second Innings forfeited

SOMERSET: First Innings forfeited

Second Innings

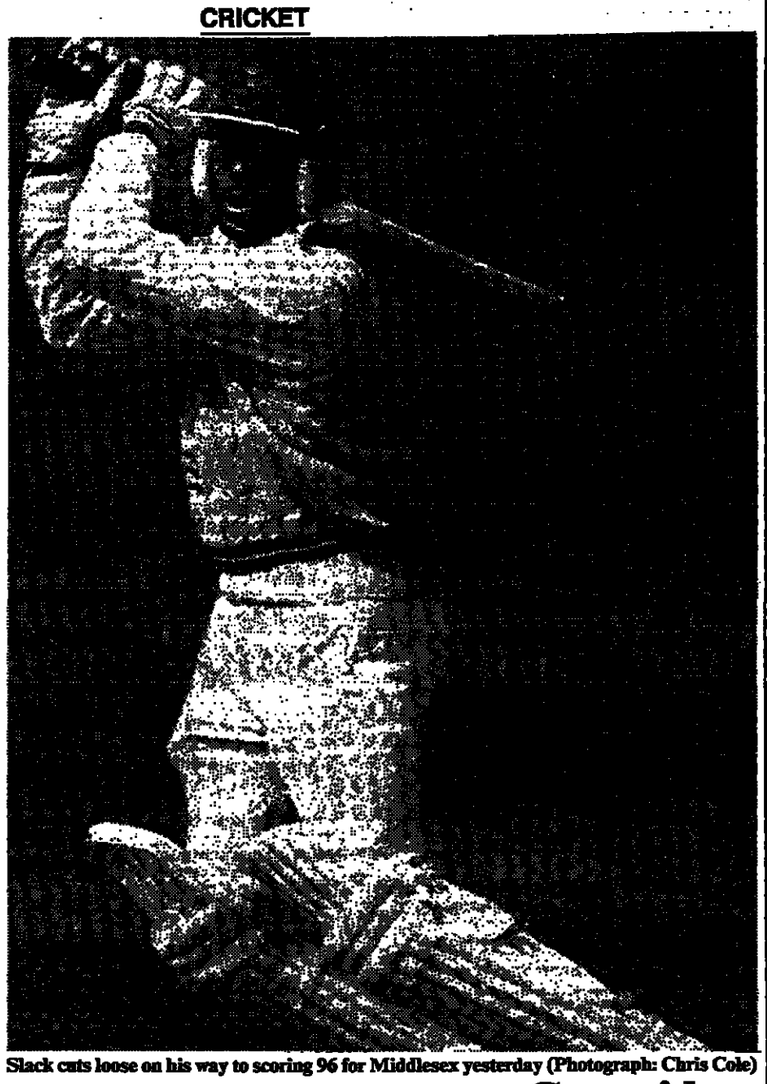
P M Roebuck b P J Hartley	60
N A Felton b P J Hartley	29
J J E Hardy c Love b Carrick	79
I V A Richards run out	25
I T Botham c Metcalfe b Sidebottom	30
B C Rose c Bairstow b Sidebottom	18
V J Marks b Sidebottom	18
J Garner run out	1
C H Dredge c P J Hartley b Carrick	24
T Gard b P J Hartley	1
R V J Coombe not out	4
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 18)	31
Total	318

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-185, 3-195, 4-234, 5-257, 6-281, 7-282, 8-295, 9-300, 10-318.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 24-5-71-3; P J Hartley 20-1-90-3; Carrick 11-0-65-2; Stevenson 13-2-48-0; Swallow 7-0-31-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones.

CRICKET



Slack cuts loose on his way to scoring 96 for Middlesex yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Century confirms Radley's wisdom

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S: Derbyshire with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 247 runs behind Middlesex.

Clive Radley, batting almost four hours for 103 not out, and Will Slack, batting five hours for 96, provided a reassuring sign of the return of another season yesterday. Both displayed their trenchant and singular styles in a partnership of 127 for the third wicket in 43 overs to take Middlesex to 306 for four declared.

The evergreen Radley is in his 23rd year with Middlesex. He needed some persuasion to return to county cricket this season instead of taking up a post in New Zealand. In the end he signed a three-year contract and now will have no regrets after a century in his first innings of the championship campaign. He brought up his 100 with his seventh boundary; there were 13 threes in his innings which, at almost 42 years of age, he may not have relished.

Slack, spiritually untouched by his descent into the nightmares of the West Indies, resumed where he had left off in Sri Lanka. He batted imperturbably and without error, occasionally unleashing a straight drive off the back foot strongly and productively. He seemed undeterred by the presence of Holding in the attack; after all the pitch was bland and held no evil. Holding looked just difficult rather than dangerous though his reintroduction in mid-afternoon led to Newman changing ends and his first ball from the Pavilion end took out Slack's middle stump.

When Slack was out in the 82nd over, Middlesex needed 83 off 18 overs to reach their fourth batting bonus point. Although Radley perked up with Butcher as his partner, they fell 11 runs short but after the rain of recent weeks, they will be grateful for having played at all.

In fact, the sun shone brightly for most of the day and a reasonable crowd turned up, perhaps to see Gatting, who had shown by his approach on Saturday that he, too, is back in business. Unfortuntely he was leg-before to Holding in the sixth over of the day, having added only five to his overnight 38. At 90 for two it was then necessary for Slack and Radley to pick up the pieces.

Cowans opened with a lively spell and had both Anderson and Barnett leg-before. Hill was caught at the wicket off Edmonds and, with Miller down with influenza, Derbyshire were looking anxiously towards the follow-on target.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

G D Barlow b Miller	16
W N Slack b Newman	96
*M W Gatting lbw b Holding	43
C T Radley not out	103
R O Butcher c Anderson b Mortensen	34
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 8)	14
Total (4 wkts dec, 100 overs)	306

†P R Downton, J E Emburey, P H Edmonds, N F Williams, N G Cowans and W W Daniel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-90, 3-217, 4-306.

BOWLING: Holding 22-6-37-1; Mortensen 25-6-63-1; Miller 9-3-34-1; Newman 15-2-49-1; Finney 15-3-45-0; Warner 17-1-72-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett lbw b Cowans	23
I S Anderson lbw b Cowans	4
A Hill c Downton b Edmonds	19
J E Morris not out	9
R J Finney not out	2
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts, 34 overs)	59

†B Roberts, G Miller, P G Newman, M A Holding, A E Warner, O H Mortensen to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-41, 3-50.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead, J W Holder.

Greenidge pulls a fast one

By Ivo Tennant

TRENT BRIDGE: Hampshire (21 points) beat Nottinghamshire (five) by nine wickets.

Gordon Greenidge set the pace for the fastest century of the season yesterday with an astonishing innings of 118 in 105 minutes. On what had hitherto been an awkward pitch to bat on, he propelled Hampshire to a nine-wicket victory with the luxury of 10 overs to spare.

Greenidge's century was made in 89 minutes off 88 balls with nine fours and four sixes. He gave one chance in a display which was remarkable for both power and delicacy. A bludgeoned boundary would be followed by the most felicitous late cut off middle stump. All bowlers, even Hadlee, came alike to him.

Rice's declaration had admittedly been a more than fair one. Nottinghamshire, for whom Broad and Robinson made useful scores, left Hampshire to get 206 to win in 95 minutes plus 20 overs. The pitch had dried out and, although taking spin, was of less assistance to the medium-pacers.

Greenidge gave them scant chance to make the ball swing. The shine soon went as Hadlee was hooked for six in his opening over and Cooper was despatched into Bridgeford Road. Lean days in the Caribbean faded in the memory as a variety of cuts, drives and even a reverse sweep were executed to perfection.

With Terry playing a vital supporting role, Greenidge's 50 came up in the thirteenth over and his hundred soon afterwards. Terry completed his half-century after Greenidge was out and thereafter comfortably steered Hampshire to victory.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 265 (C E B Rice 76, R T Robinson 65; R J Maru 4 for 71)

Second Innings

B C Broad not out	66
R T Robinson c Parks b Connor	48
D W Randall c R A Smith b Cowley	7
*C E B Rice c Maru b Cowley	31
P Johnson not out	17
Extras (lb 10)	10
Total (3 wkts dec)	181

J D Birch, R J Hadlee, †B N French, E E Hemmings, K E Cooper and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-97, 3-156.

BOWLING: Marshall 7-2-26-0; Connor 18-4-41-1; Tremlett 8-2-19-0; Maru 17-2-50-0; Cowley 10-1-29-2; C L Smith 1-0-6-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 241 for 8 dec (R A Smith 50, R J Parks 51 n o; C E B Rice 4 for 54)

HAMPSHIRE: Second Innings

C G Greenidge c French b Hemmings	118
V P Terry not out	74
R A Smith not out	13
Extras (b 2, lb 2)	4
Total (1 wkt)	209

C L Smith, *M C J Nicholas, M D Marshall, N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, †R J Parks, R J Maru, C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-170.

BOWLING: Hadlee 5-0-19-0; Cooper 5-0-33-0; Hemmings 15.1-2-67-1; Rice 5-0-32-0; Afford 10-0-54-0.

Umpires: R Julien and D O Oslear.

Pace too hot for Sussex

By Peter Marson

Some splendid fast bowling by Paul Allott, who took seven wickets in the match, and Patrick Patterson, who took five, enabled Lancashire to score a resounding victory over Sussex at Hove yesterday.

Sussex's position at the start of the day start had been parlous. They began what was plainly going to be a tedious, testing day 274 runs behind at 157 for nine. Following on, Sussex had moved on by 90 runs at the end of the morning's play, but had lost their opening pair, Lenham and Green.

Parker closed off one end for a time; but Lancashire continued to make steady progress. At tea Parker's gallant innings of 78 was ended by Allott, and Sussex were on the slide once more.

Kent, too, had to come from behind against Leicestershire. At 73 for three, with Tavaré and Christopher Cowdrey just in, they were 84 runs adrift. After 90 minutes, by which time the score had edged forward to 126, Tavaré and bowled. Gower now introduced the slow left-arm bowling of the former Kent player, Laurie Potter, and he obliged in his first over by having Cowdrey caught behind. But Kent were not finished yet, Cowdrey's younger brother, Graham, and Baptiste putting on 123 runs for the sixth wicket.

In an attempt to achieve a result at Bristol, where no play had been possible on the first day, Gloucestershire's captain, Graveney, declared at 83 for five, leaving Glamorgan sitting on a lead of 143.

SNOOKER

Charlton looks to a Grand Prix

By Sydney Friskin

Kirk Stevens, of Canada, and the experienced Australian, Eddie Charlton, had mixed reactions to their marathon second round match in the Embassy world championship at Sheffield yesterday. Stevens won 13-12 after Charlton had taken a 12-10 lead.

Whereas Stevens spoke of his own edginess and how he had struggled to overcome it, Charlton, aged 56, who had been knocked out of the top 16 in the world rankings, talked of the worldwide expansion of the game and the part he was hoping to play in it.

"I am 99 per cent sure that there will be a world ranking tournament in Australia next year and I would like to see all the players in it," Charlton said. "It will be a lucrative tournament with half a million dollars on offer as prize money. In fact, I would like to see a world Grand Prix series before I retire."

Charlton had some of his best moments yesterday when he levelled at 10-10, with breaks of 64 and 37 and his shrewd tactics carried him into a hard-won 11-10 lead. If Stevens had been edgy his plight must have worsened with his unsuccessful attempt to level at 11-11. He potted the last red only to knock the pink into a pocket and finally left this crucial ball over a pocket for Charlton.

A break of 86 in the next frame put Stevens on the road to recovery and having, in his own words, "strung a few breaks together," he drew level. He said he knew that the last frame would be the hardest, so his approach was understandably cautious.

An attempt to nuck the cue ball behind the brown cost him four points because he did not make contact, but with a superb shot on a red he set himself up for victory which was achieved after a break of 53.

Willie Thorne, seeded No 11, reached the quarter-finals with a victory over the Australian champion, John Campbell, by 13 frames to nine. Starting the day 10-6 ahead, Thorne put himself in a winning position at 12-7, but he had a lucky escape in the eighteenth frame when Campbell, with a clearance break of 67, levelled the scores at 67-all, only to lose the frame on the re-potted black. Campbell, however, offered stubborn resistance to reduce the lead to 12-9 but Thorne found his rhythm again and ran through the match with a clearance break of 64.

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, who had led Eugene Hughes 5-3 at the start of the day, extended his lead to 10-6, having made a superb clearance break of 83 in the 15th frame.

Tony Knowles, who was 5-3 behind Silvino Francisco, of South Africa, went further behind by losing the first frame of the afternoon, but came back to 7-6.

SCORES: Second round: K Stevens (Can) bt E Charlton (Aus), 13-12 (85-66, 31-89, 62-35, 64-51, 64-58, 52-68, 67-14, 38-64, 74-50, 50-61, 25-64, 93-7, 93-25, 30-76, 65-35, 60-15, 9-82, 67-21, 50-61, 1-102, 30-80, 48-58, 86-8, 87-37, 71-12), W Thorne (Eng) bt J Campbell (Aust), 13-9 (25-82, 1-75, 43-81, 75-35, 60-43, 93-25, 127-0, 93-40, 86-24, 9-67, 70-60, 67-14, 83-1, 53-63, 43-70, 65-54, 10-74, 74-67, 101-18, 48-58, 31-81, 98-22).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: American League: Cleveland Indians 9, New York Yankees 7; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Baltimore Orioles 0; California Angeles 9, Minnesota Twins 7; Detroit Tigers 4, Chicago White Sox 1; Texas Rangers 6, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Oakland A's 1, Seattle Mariners 0. Postponed: Boston Red Sox v Kansas City Royals. **National League:** Pittsburgh Pirates 13, Philadelphia Phillies 5; Houston Astros 5, Cincinnati Reds 0; New York Mets 5, St Louis Cardinals 3; Chicago Cubs 12, Montreal Expos 10; San Diego Padres 6, San Francisco Giants 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Atlanta Braves 4.

SOUTHERN ENGLAND ASSOCIATION: First division: Sutton Braves 19, Basildon Raiders 5; Crawley Giants 4, Cobham Yankees 5; Barnes Stormers 4, Croydon Bluejays 13; Enfield Spartans 14, Golders Green Sox 11.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 3, Millwall 1.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter 3, Plymouth 1.

TENNIS

WILD DUNES: Women's tournament. Singles draw: E Burgin (US) bt T Schauer-Larsen (Den), 6-1, 6-3; Dashiell (Aus) S Cecchini (It) and S Gales (Yug) bt L Gildemeister (Peru) and M Skuherska (Cz), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

INDIANPOLIS: United States Clay courts tournament: Women's singles, first round: M Gurney (US) bt A Smith (US), 6-4, 6-3; J Mundel (SA) bt E Smylie (Aust), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; P Casale (US) bt M van Nostrand (US) 6-2, 6-1; R Marsikova (Cz) bt S Sloane (US), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; L Garrone (It) bt B Gerken (US), 7-6, 6-1; L Thompson (US) bt M L Piatek (US), 6-4, 6-4; C Benjamin (US) bt A Henriksson (US), 6-4, 6-3; H Kelesi (Can) bt S Amiach (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt C Fernandez (US), 7-6, 6-2; P Slay (US) bt A Iran (US), 7-6, 6-1; G Kerr (US) bt J Russell (US), 6-4, 7-5; L Morlet (US) bt L Antonopolis (US), 7-5, 6-2.

YACHTING

GRAFHAM WATER: Allegro Trophy: Intermediate 14s: 1, A Fitzgerald and A Murphy; 2, T Trevelyan and T Knight; 3, M McDonald and I D McDonald.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Brentwood '72 14, Olympia Cannock 21; Wakefield 17, Salford 19. **Challenge match:** Liverpool 21, German Tornadoes 14. **Midland & League:** Bedford College 7, German Tornadoes 29. **British Under-16 boys championship semi-final:** Wirral Grammar School vo Link, British Under-15 girls championship semi-final: Salford Ladies vo Strathclyde Satellites: German Tornadoes 31, Lutterworth Foxes 10, Bedford College 9, Lutterworth Foxes 18.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Falconer Trophy (teams of eight): 1, Surrey, 1,177; 2, Nottinghamshire, 1,166; 3, Sussex, 1,160. **Individual Plate:** 1, N Watson, (Nottinghamshire) 25; equal 2, J Bellringer and H Matthews, (Surrey) 24. **Teams of Twelve** (500 and 600yd): 1, RAF, 1,055; 2, Worcestershire, 1,041. **Teams of Two** (500 and 600yd): 1, Merydown RC, 941; 2, RAF, 939.

ORIENTEERING

LISBURN: Irish Championships: Men, 10km: 1, P Kernen (Aust) 74:30.0; 2, S Corbett (Waterford) 74:36.0; 3, C O'Halloran (Lee) 79:24.0. **Women,** 6.7km: 1, O Cocks (Ajax) 58:41.0; 2, M Thornhill (Gam) 62:24.0; 3, U Creagh (S ROG) 65:58.0.

GOLF

ST PETERSBURG, Florida: **St Petersburg women's classic:** Final round: (US unless stated): 272: P Bradley 69, 67, 71, 65. 273: J Coles 68, 69, 67, 69. 278: J Crafter (Aus) 68,69, 75, 66. 280: B Barnett 74, 70, 65, 71; B King 71, 71, 71, 67; C Kreamer 67, 72, 72, 69; J Stephenson (Aus) 70, 70, 70, 70. 281: A Benz 70,69, 71, 71; L Garbacz 70, 64, 76, 71; L Howe 73,70, 71, 67.

GYMNASTICS

WORCESTER, Massachusetts: International match: Men: Soviet Union beat the United States 284.60 - 281.75.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION: Sheffield Eagles 12, Carlisle 23.

ICE HOCKEY

NEW YORK: National League (NHL) Play-offs: Adams Division: Hartford 1, Montreal 0. (Series tied At 3-3). **Patrick Division:** Rangers 2, Washington 1 (Rangers win series 4-2).

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK: National Association play-Eastern Conference: Boston Celtics 103, Atlanta Hawks 91; (Boston lead best of seven series 1-0); Philadelphia 76ers 134, Washington Bullets 109 (Philadelphia win best of five series, 3-2). **Western Conference:** Los Angeles Lakers 130, Dallas Mavericks 116 (Los Angeles lead best of seven series, 1-0).

BOARD SAILING

BOUGH BEECH: South Eastern Board Sailing Championships: First round: 1, J Williamson, Fanatic; 2, T Hill, Fanatic; 3, B White, Fanatic; 4, M Wadhams, Fanatic; 5, S Avery, Mistral.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday May 3 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

X Birmingham v Arsenal
2 Chelsea v Liverpool
1 Coventry v QPR
1 Everton v Soton
X Leicester v Newcastle
X Man C v Luton
2 Oxford v Notts F
1 Sheff W v Ipswich
1 Tottenham v A Villa
1 Watford v Man U
X WBA v West Ham

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackburn v Grimsby
X Carlisle v Charlton
1 C Palace v Sheff U
2 Huddersfld v Wimbledon
1 Millwall v Barnsley
X Norwich v Leeds
1 Oldham v Fulham
1 Portsmth v Bradford
X Shrewsbry v Middlesbro
1 Sunderland v Stoke
Not on coupons: Hull v Brighton (playing Friday).

TREBLE CHANCE: (Home teams): Birmingham, Leicester, Manchester City, West Bromwich, Carlisle, Norwich, Shrewsbury, Chesterfield, Exeter, Orient, Clydebank, Montrose.
BEST DRAWS: Manchester City, Carlisle, Chesterfield, Exeter, Montrose.
AWAYS: Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Wimbledon, Celtic, Arbroath.

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Newport
2 Bournemth v Walsall
1 Bristol C v Reading
2 Bury v Brentford
2 Cardiff v Lincoln
X Chesterfield v Bolton
2 Darlington v Plymouth
1 Derby v Doncaster
1 Gillingham v Bristol R
Not on coupons: Notts Co v Rotherham; Wigan v Wolves; York v Swansea.

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Preston
1 Camb U v Torquay
2 Crewe v Cpeds
1 Mansfld v Peterboro
X Orient v Burnley
1 Port Vale v Wrhampton
1 Scunthorpe v Chester
2 Wrexham v Stockport
Not on coupons: Colchester v Hartlepool; Halifax v Swindon; Southend v Rochdale; Tranmere v Hereford (all playing Friday).

HOMES: Everton, Sheffield Wednesday, Crystal Palace, Millwall, Oldham, Portsmouth, Derby, Aldershot, Cambridge, Enfield, Rangers, Morton.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Sheffield Wednesday, Crystal Palace, Oldham, Derby, Rangers: **Aways:** Nottingham Forest, Wimbledon, Celtic. **Draws:** Manchester City, Chesterfield, Exeter.

GOLA LEAGUE

1 Barnet v Bath
1 Enfield v Scarborough
2 Weaidstone v Runcorn
1 Weymouth v Barrow

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Clydebank v Aberdeen
1 Dundee v Hearts
1 Hibernian v Dundee U
1 Rangers v Motherwell
2 St Mirren v Celtic

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Hamilton
2 Alloa v Forfar
1 Falkirk v East Fife
1 Kilmarnock v Ayr
X Montrose v Dumbarton
1 Morton v Clyde
1 Partick v Brechin

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Berwick v Arbroath
Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v E Stirling; Meadowbank v Stenhousemuir; Queen's Park v Stranraer; Raith v Albion; St Johnstone v Queen of the South; Stirling v Dunfermline.

Blinkered first time

NOTTINGHAM: 3.0 Great Relative, Stevejan. 4.0 Call To Honor, Run By Jove. **BATH:** 2.45 Polecroft, 3.45 Bassin, Ricco Star. 5.15 Modena Rest.

RACING RESULTS

Brighton

GOING: Good to soft

2.15 (5f): 1, EXAMINATION (G Carter 9-4 Fav); 2, Hail and Hearty (P Robinson 12-1); 3, Manor (C Rutter 12-1); 4, Deputy Tim (W Carson (9-1). Also ran: 11-2 Wavaguide, 8 Tumble Fair, 10 Alice Hill, 10 Alice Hill, 14 Witham Girl, 16 Hopeful Dancer, Topeka Express, 20 Count Almaviva (5th), Fancy Pages, Rebello Imp, Willbe Willbe (5th), 33 Delta Rose, Nora's Boy, Hoorsy Hamilton, Pegasus Lady. 16 ran. 2l, 2l, nk, 1½l, ½l. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £4.40, £1.30, £1.50; DF: £45.40. CSF: £31.55. Tricast: £268.91.

2.45 (1m 4f): 1, HOLYPORT VICTORY (M Wigham 9-2); 2, Detroit Sam (G Baxter 7-2 Fav);3, Sagar Pales (A. McGlone 8-1); 4, The Yomper (P McEntee 11-1). Also ran: 10 Florest Florest, 12 Kiki Star, 14 Inchgower, Mishrif, Royal Craftsman, (6th), Topon, 16 Primrose Way (5th), Pocella, 20 Fort Nayef, Janaab, The Weight, Wild Ginger, 33 Gorgeous Princess, Mijas Golf (PU), Crook N Honest, Flame Flower. 20 Ran. ¾l, 8l, 3l, 1l, 1l, M Usher at Lambourn. Tote: £6.10; £1.80, £1.80, £1.50. £5.10 DF: £5.20. CSF: £22.14 Tricast: £122.55

3.15 (1m 2f): 1, ARMADA (G Starkey 1-5 Fav);2, Wassl Reef (W Carson 5-1); 3, Stormsdon Boy (Gay Kelleway 25-1). Also ran: 100 Sales Promoter (4th), 4 Ran. nk, 20l, dist, G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote £1.10 DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.47.

3.45 (1m 2f): 1, CANDAULES (B Rouse 25-1);2, Moondeam (R Cochrane 9-1); 3, Track Marshall (M Wigham 8-1);4, Mezlara (L Riggio 7-1); Also ran: 9-2 Fav Under the STars, 5 Trumpa, 11-2 Gambart, 10 Resister, (6th), 14 Danedancer, Una Tent, 20 Blair's Winnie, Roberts Girl, Tame Duchess, 33 Lord Butch, Gold Hunter, Chalet Waldegg, Nevers Road, Fire Chieftan, Casbar Kid, Noble Philip, (5th), Nicanic. 21 ran NR: Penllyne's Pride. 3l, sh hd, 2l, 7l, ¾l. C James, at Newbury. Tote £24.50; £4.40, £4.90, £1.50, £1.70; DF £685.40. CSF: £232.57. Tricast £1,801.66.

4.15 (1m): 1, PRESIDIUM (W Ryan 5-1);2, Crests Auction (G Carter 15-8 Fav); 3, Dorset Cottage (B Rouse 20-1). Also ran: 3-2 Fouz (5th), 5 Geordie's Delight, 12 Freedom's Choice (4th), 25 Bolivia, Rebymmo, 33 Dolly (6th), Gabbous Moon, Marsh Harrier, 50 Clarances Hope. Mind The Time, Mount Argus, Mr McGregor, Zelda's Fancy, Angies Video.17 Ran. Sh hd, 5l, 3l, sh hd, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.80; £2.40, £1.20, £3.60; DF: £11.90.CSF: £15.02.

4.45 (5f):1, EASA (R Cochrane 12-1); 2, Nisabess (A Clark 3-1 Fav); 3, Lorna Breeze (P Cook 7-2). Also ran: 7-2 Peregris, 4 Glamis Girl, 5 Last Recovery (5th), 12 Little Kay (4th), Downsview Lady. 16 Cherrywood Sam (6th).25 Prince Mac. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l 4l, ¾l, hd, M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £28.80; £5.10, £1.20, £2.20; DF £154.90. CSF: £53.22. Placepot:£7.60.

Warwick

Going: good to soft

2.0 (7f) 1, PELLIDO (A Mackay, 14-1); 2, Thresh It Out (W R Swinburn, 11-10 fav); 3, Autumn Flutter (L Jones, 50-1). ALSO: 4 Rebrovek (5th), 6 Boofy (4th), 12 Capitastro, Desert Of Wind, 14 Eagle Destiny, 20 Absolute Master, Prime Number, On Water. 25 Charcoal, 33 Fastk (6th), Golden Straw, 50 Beau Dire, King Tefkros, The Moon And Back, Sayyeal. 18 ran. NR: Joveworth, The Sportsman. 4l, ¾l, 2½l, hd, 4l. E Eldin at Newmarket. Tote: £16.20; £3.20, £1.10, £22.20. DF: £27.90. CSF: £31.33.

2.30 (1m) 1, MY KIND OF TOWN (C Barmatther, 12-1); 2, Unex-Plained (V Smith, 9-1); 3, Billy's Dancer (G King, 5-1); 4, Teed Bore (B Unsacke, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Artistic Champion (6th), 5 Brave And Bold (5th), 6 Fair Atlanta, Up To Uncle, 12 Time Bird, 14 Geroc Chapdowner, 20 Monsieroos, My Deryn, Winding Path, 33 Whirling Words, The Sportsman, Rupert Brooke. 17 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 2l, ¾l, 3l. R J Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £12.90; £3.40, £1.70, £3.70, £3.00. DF: £308.20. CSF: £126.66. Tricast: £581.08.

3.0 (2m 2f 180yd) 1, PEARL RUN (J Williams, 7-1); 2, Beaker (J Lowe, 14-1); 3, Cusnaw (S Dawson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Tern, 7 Cheka (5th), Flying Officer (4th), 11 Storm Cloud, 14 Jacledaw, Morgans Choice, 16 Alacazam, Reildins, 25 Hot Beay (6th), Zircon's Sun, 33 Mistini, 50 Wordsworth. 15 ran. 12l, 2½l, 4l, nk, 2l. G Price at Leominster. Tote: £9.10; £3.10, £3.60, £5.90. DF: £92.10. CSF: £92.42. Tricast: £899.36.

3.30 (5f) 1, MISS MARJORIE (P Waldron, 6-4 fav); 2, Five Skies (N Connorton, 7-4); 3, Valdosta (R Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Flying Silently (6th), Sandi's Gold (4th), 12 Deep Taw, 20 Sporting Judy (5th), 7 ran. NR: Nicholas George. nk, 2½l, 1½l, 3½l, sh.hd. L Holt at Basingstoke. Tote: £2.70; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.78. Five Skies finished first, after a stewards inquiry and an objection, the first two placings were reversed. Bought in 1,100gns.

4.0 (1m) 1, DONNAS DREAM (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, Fleet (S Cauthen, 11-4); 3, While It Lasts (R Guest, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Swedish Princess, 11 Desa Queen, 16 Sokolova. 20 Sybil Fawlty, 25 Arcraftie, Hardy Chance, 33 Hachimitsu, Sirdar Flyer (5th), Young Heroine, 50 Celtic Dove (4th), Aunt Ety (5th), La Chula, Lady Bishop, Miss Brahms, Naughty Nighty, Velvet Pearl, Eastern Lass. 20 ran. 6l, 4l, 1½l, 1¼l, ½l. J Tree at Marlborough. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £2.00, £3.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.98

4.30 (5f) 1, IMPALA LASS (J Hills, 7-1); 2, Loch Form (M Birch, 11-4 fav); 3, Ole Pie (T Ives, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Cresta Leap (5th), 10 Liberton Brae (4th), 12 Hobbomes Katie, Commander Meaden, 20 Chonsters Dream, Gleadhill Park (6th), Skyin, 25 Taylors Tayformade, 40 Metal-Woods Rule, Kelly Lindo, Stromberg. 14 ran. ¾l, hd, 1¼ 1½ 3l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £3.90; £2.50, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £15.80. CSF: £25.58. Tricast: £61.26. Placepot: £57.95.

● Pearl Run's 12-lengths victory under John Williams in the Godiva Handicap at Warwick yesterday landed Gordon Price, the Leominster trainer, before the stewards. The chesnut, who won his first two races of the season, partnered by Garry King, was always among the back markers when finishing 12th to Accuracy at Newbury with Eric Eldin's apprentice again in the saddle.

The stewards enquired into the gelding's improved form and in addition to interviewing Price, also had both Williams and King before them. King said Pearl Run was badly hampered in the early stages at NEwbury and had been unable to get into the race and, after hearing from Price that the gelding was much better suited by the Warwick track, the stewards accepted the explanations.

Course specialists

BATH

TRAINERS: I Balding, 29 winners from 121 runners, 23.9%; B Hills, 21 from 104, 20.2%; G Harwood, 14 from 72, 19.4%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 34 winners from 118 rides, 28.8%; G Starkey, 13 from 67, 19.4%; T Quinn, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

NOTTINGHAM

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 37 winners from 71 runners, 52.1%; M Prescott, 5 from 25, 20%; B McMahon, 10 from 69 14.5%.
JOCKEYS: S Cauthen, 26 winners from 144 rides, 18.1%; W R Swinburn, 19 from 121, 15.7%; S Whitworth, 7 from 52, 13.5%.

FOLKESTONE

TRAINERS: R Armytage, 4 winners from 14, 28.6%; J Gifford, 17 from 76, 22.4%; J

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter [illegible] and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, junior and adult advice lines; Alan Titchmarsh's gardening hints; and a recipe from Glynn Christian.
9.20 The Goode Kitchen. The first of ten programmes in which Shirley Goode prepares economical meals. (r) 9.35 Ceefax 10.30 **Play School.** (r)
10.50 World Snooker. David Icke introduces quarterfinal action in the Embassy World Professional Championship, from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale, includes news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Bill Giles.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One. In the second of his reports from the Cognac Film Festival, Paul Coia interviews Robert Mitchum; with news of other stars is Heather Couper; and Sylvia Bishop gives advice on dog behaviour in cars. **1.45 Mop and Smirf.** (r)
2.00 World Snooker. More quarterfinal action from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, introduced by David Icke 3.00 Ceefax 3.52 Regional news.
3.55 The Amazing Adventures of Morph, presented by Tony Hart (r) 4.00 Pigeon Street (r) 4.10 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon. 4.15 Jonny Briggs. Part seven of the 13-episode drama serial (r) 4.30 Lift Off! with Su Pollard and Craig Charles.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Seaview. Comedy series about a family-run seaside boarding house (r)
5.35 Newsround China: Pandas in Peril. John Craven reports on the joint effort by the World Wildlife Fund and the Chinese government to save the Panda from extinction. (see Choice) (Ceefax)
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Holiday, introduced by Cliff Michelmore. John Carter reports on what London has to offer the visitor; and Anne Gregg samples the delights of Fuengirola.
7.30 EastEnders. Nick Cotton arrives back in the Square, but only is mother seems pleased at his return. (Ceefax)
8.00 World Snooker. David Vine introduces the action from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.
8.50 Points of View. Barry Took with a selection of viewers' letters to the BBC.
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.
9.30 The Kenny Everett Television Show. More zany comedy from the innovative funny man. (r)
10.00 Miami Vice. Crockett and Tubbs are searching for a mother and her baby on the run from a violent husband and the Mob.
10.50 Birdwatch Live from Florida. Tony Soper, on Sanibel, an island on the Gulf Coast, hopes to see, among others, yellow-crowned night herons, black-necked stilts, roseate spoonbills and preacher birds.
11.15 Film 86 introduced by Michael Parkinson. There are reviews of Jewel of the Nile and the Legend of Billie Jean; and a report on the current state of the video industry.
11.45 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. Exercises at 6.25; news with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.45; cartoon at 7.25; pop video at 7.55; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.40; a discussion on coping with change at 9.03.

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9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 For Schools: describinbg actions using averbs. For the hearing impaired. 9.50 The natural history of a pond 10.09 Milking time on the farm; and dairy products 10.28 Biology: photosynthesis 10.46 Different methods of flying used by animals 11.10 Springtime tasks on a farm 11.27 Living with eight-year old Eamonn, a spina bifida sufferer 11.44 English: episode one of Izzy, a drama by Jan Mark.
12.00 Cockleshell Bay. Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins 12.10 Rainbow. Learning made fun with puppets (r) 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news 1.30 Fifty/Fifty. Carol and Syd investigate a murder in a museum.
2.30 Hindsight. In this first of a new series Christian Dymond looks at 15 years of National Service. Is it needed today? General Sir John Hackett, Ned Sherrin and Leslie Thomas give their views.
3.00 University Challenge. University of Edinburgh v Magdalene College, Cambridge. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Cockleshell Bay. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.10 The Blunders. Cartoon series narrated by Frankie Howerd 4.20 Scooty, presented by Matthew Corbett 4.35 Woody Woodpecker. Cartoon 4.45 Splash. Magazine programme for children.
5.15 S.W.A.L.K. A six-episode story about a young teenage girl and her dependence on a magazine's agony aunt. Starring Nicola and Gerry Cowper, and Prunella Scales.
5.45 News with Carol Barnes. 6.00 Thames news
6.25 Reporting London. Angela Lambert reports on the plight of Holloway Jail inmates; and Lindsay Charlton talks to the person with a £250 million London office block.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Alan Turner discovers that he has more enemies than friends.
7.30 Duty Free. Comedy series about two British couples on holiday in Spain. (r) (Oracle)
8.00 Magnum. The private detective helps a young American to find his Vietnam veteran father.
9.00 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy. The third and final part of the dramatized mini series tracing the events leading to India's independence. Starring Nicol Williamson and Janet Suzman.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather, followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy continued.
11.30 Film: Account Rendered" (1957) starring Griffith Jones and Honor Blackman. Murder mystery about the death of a beautiful woman in which the four prime suspects all have watertight alibis. With Ewen Solon and Ursula Howells. Directed by Peter Graham Scott.
12.35 Night Thoughts.



Pandas in Peril: Newsround China, on BBC 1, 5.35pm

●An infinitely better day, this, for listeners more than for viewers. Of the few worthwhile television programmes, pride of place must go to the final episode of Edgar Reitz's peerless family chronicle **HEIMAT** (BBC2, 9.00pm), and to what I have always considered to be one of Hollywood's noblest "weeples", Mervyn Leroy's **BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST** (Channel 4,9.00pm). Best of the rest is **PANDAS IN PERIL** (BBC 1, 5.35pm), from the *Newsround* stable.It is John Craven's no-nonsense reporting skill, as much as anything else, that has given this long-running documentary series an appeal that extends far beyond the children's audience for which it is primarily intended. Tonight's report, which reveals what China,

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natural home of the panda, is doing to ensure its survival,is woefully short on running time (25 minutes), but so intelligently presented (by Mr Craven) is it, and so poetically photographed (by Steve Morris), that I cannot quarrel with *Radio Times* making a front-cover fuss of it.The film illustrates how capricious Mother Nature can be,in making bamboo greenery the panda's main diet,though its food value is miniscule. Man has now come up with an alternative as pleasing to Scots as to pandas. Porridge.
●Dominating tonight's radio is David Luke's eloquent new translation of Goethe's **IPHIGENIA IN TAURUS** (Radio 3, 7.30pm),directed by John Theocharis without recourse to any gingering-up apart from Christos Pittas's sensitive music and the odd wave or two breaking on the Crimean beaches.I have always thought that Maureen O'Brien (who plays Iphigenia) was blessed with one of radio's best voices, but it needed this play to remind me how vibrant an actress she is, too...Also recommended:Sheridan Morley's encounter with that fine songsmith Stephen Sondheim (Radio 2, 9.25pm), and episode 1 of a faithful radio dramatization (by Rene Basilico) of *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*, with Colin Blakely in fine form as the rundown hero.You can almost smell the booze on his breath (Radio 4, 6.30pm).

Peter Davalle.

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Science - Elements Discovered. Ends at 7.20.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.35 Daytime on Two: learning to ski in Austria 9.52 Fibres - natural and synthetic 10.15 The second of a two-part play about two teenagers experiencing their first serious relationship 10.38 Severe drought in north-east Brazil 11.00 Inside different types of houses 11.17 Microelectronics - counting and remembering 12.02 Problems for 10- to 12-year olds
12.07 Ceefax.
12.30 World Snooker. David Icke introduces further coverage of quarterfinal action in the Embassy World Professional Championship.
2.00 Daytime on Two: for four- and five-year olds 2.15 The world's grasslands 2.40 Sex education. Subtitled.
3.00 World Snooker. Quarterfinal action including the match between Steve Davis and Jimmy White. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton.
6.00 Whistle Test. The first of a new series. Live in the studio are The Pet Shop Boys and We've Got a Fuzzbox and We're Gonna Use It; Andy Kershaw reports from Texas on ZZ Top; Mark Ellen investigates the cassette counterfeiting racket; and Cactus World News perform at the Town and Country Club, Kentish Town.
6.50 World Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of this afternoon's quarterfinal action.
7.30 O'Donnell Investigates the Food Business. The last programme of Dr Michael O'Donnell's series and he examines how the food industry defends its interests in Whitehall.
8.00 Harty Goes to...Yorkshire. Russell visits the Settle Carnival; the Ribblehead Viaduct; and meets Michael Parkinson. (r)
8.30 Top Gear. Chris Goffey investigates the speedy 'top-you-up' servicing outlets that are a part of everyday motoring life in the United States and look set to make a successful invasion of the British garage trade; William Woollard tries the kart track where future Grand Prix champions are trained; and Sue Baker discovers what makes a car a classic.
9.00 Heimat. The final episode. It is 1982 and a storm interrupts Maria's funeral. Starring Marita Breuer.
10.40 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day. With John Tusa, Peter Snow, Donald MacCormick and Olivia O'Leary.
11.25 Weather.
11.30 World Snooker. The final visit of the day to the Crucible Theatre.
12.05 Open University: The Happiest Days of Your Life? Ends at 12.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.
2.30 Ulster Landscapes. The shapes and forms made by the passage of ice in Ulster. (r)
3.00 Film: Up In Mabel's Room" (1944) starring Dennis O'Keefe. A fast-moving farce about a newly-married man and his attempts to retrieve an undergarment from an old flame. Directed by Allan Dwan.
4.20 Cartoon. The incomparable Mr Magoo in Bwana Magoo.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by David White from Enfield.
5.00 Bewitched. Samantha's identical twin, a flower-power person, is arrested at a love-in. Her picture appears inb the national press and Larry Tate, convinced it is Samantha, tells Darrin that it might lose them an account.
5.30 Paintability - Decorating with a Difference. The penultimate programme of the do-it-yourself decorating series. There is a demonstration of graining; ideas on painting the floor; and visits to Osterley Park House and Syon House. (Oracle)
6.00 Marco Polo. Episode four of the series about the adventures of the celebrated explorer.
7.00 Channel Four news, with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart includes a report from Anne Perkins in Rydale, North Yorkshire, on the issues at stake in the forthcoming by-election.
7.50 Comment. With her views on a topical matter is journalist Jenny Richards. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Sheila has an idea as to the identity of the sender of the threatening letter.
8.30 4 What It's Worth. John Stoneborough meets some young people who have lost all their money in a search for somewhere to live; Bill Breckon investigates deaths by drowning at local swimming pools; and David Stafford tests electric toothbrushes.
9.00 Film: Blossoms in the Dust (1941) starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. The true-life story of a woman whose only child is killed and, knowing that she can never have another baby, devotes her life to helping orphans in Texas. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy.
10.50 The Comic Strip Presents...Fistful of Travellers Cheques. With Peter Richardson and Rik Mayall. (r)
11.35 Archie Bunker's Place. The first of a new series about the American Alf Garnett. Archie is a bar-owner who hopes to build a restaurant extension to his business. Starring Carroll O'Connor.
12.00 Their Lordships' House. Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at 12.15

Radio 4

On long wave. VHF variations at end of Radio 4.

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.00, 8.00 News 7.20 Letters 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News 9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Listeners can question experts about a subject of current interest.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad, reported by BBC foreign correspondents.
10.30 Morning Story: Say Cheese! by Michael A. Pearson. Reader: Timothy Kightley.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 122) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre. Just Impediment, by Tony Whittaker. The story of a Protestant-Catholic marriage ceremony. Cast includes Eileen Derbyshire and John Jardine.
11.33 The Living World (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer programme with Pattie Coldwell.
12.27 Brain of Britain 1986. First round: West (s). 12.55 Weather; Travel
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Women's Hour. Maureen Lipman reads part one of her own book. How was it for you?.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. The Maid's Room by Shelagh Fraser. With Carole Boyd as the Filipino trying to cope with London life (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Local Network. Paul Heiney, with the help of local radio stations, looks at nuclear energy.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Last night's edition, repeated.
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 The Spy Who Came In From The Cold (s) by John le Carre. Six part dramatization. Episode 1 (r) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File On 4.
8.00 Medicine Now (Geoff Watts)
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: The Emperor in Bath. How the people of Bath came to terms with having Haile Selassie set up his court on the outskirts of their city in 1936.
9.00 In touch. For people with a visual handicap.
9.30 A Sideways Look At... by Anthony Smith. New series.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. With Natalie Wheen.Includes comment on the ENO production of Dr Faust at the Coliseum.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Mr Wakefield's Crusade (7). Read by John Rowe.10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.
VHF(available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (contined). 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Open Forum: 11.50 Meaning to Model. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Radio 3

On medium wave. VHF variations at end of Radio 3 listings

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Sibelius (Karelia overture), Chopin (Fantasy on Polish airs: Dichter, piano), Ravel (Pavane pour une infante defunte), Haydn (Symphony No 87). **8.00 News**
8.05 Morning Concert(contd):Grainger (Green Bushes), Korngold(Violin Concerto in D:Perlman is the soloist), Bax (Symphonic Poem The tale the pine-trees knew). **9.00 News**
9.05 This Week's Composer: Schubert. Um Mitternacht: Abendlied fur die Entfernte: Auf der Bruck (Ruud van der Meer,baritone). Divertissement a la hongroise: Eschenbach and Frantz, piano duet)
10.00 Violin and Piano: Nigel Kennedy and Peter Pettinger. Messiaen (Theme and Variations), Elgar (Sonata in E minor, Op 82), Sarasate (Fantasy on Carmen)
10.50 BBC Singers at Arundel: works by Gesualdo, Byrd, Victoria, Weelkess, Bruckner and Villa-Lobos
11.35 Chamber Orchestra of Europe (under Vegh),with George Malcolm (piano) and Andras Schiff (piano). Beethoven (Grosse Fuge, Op 133), Mozart (Concerto in E flat, K 365). Haydn (Symphony No 102). **1.00 News**
1.05 Shostakovich and Borodin Quartets: Fitzwilliam String Quartet. Shostakovich (Quartet No 1), Borodin (Quartet No 2)
1.55 Guitar Encores: Timothy Walker plays works by Bach, arranged by Walker,Reginald Smith, Walker himself (African Light Suite) and his arrangement of Beethoven's Variations on a Swiss air
2.25 Mozart and Mahler: Frankfurt Radio SO (under Inbal),with Rudolf Buchbinder (piano). Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21), and Mahler (Symphony No 1).
4.00 Gerald Robbins: piano recital. Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op 79), Schubert (Sonata in B flat, D 960). **4.55 News**
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection,presented by Jeremy Siepmann
6.30 Music in 14th century England:(3) An Architectonic Liturgy.With Hilliard Ensemble and Musica Sacra Redivivia
7.00 Sibelius: Moscow Radio SO (under Rozhdestvensky)play the Symphony No 6
7.30 Iphigenia in Taurus: Maureen O'Brien and Anton Lesser co-star in David Luke's translation of the drama by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Music by Christos Pittas,played by London Chamber Orchestra members
9.20 LSO concert (with Lukas Foss conducting), and Jack Brymer (clarinet), John Ogdon (piano), and Ransom Wilson (flute). Part one. Copland (Fanfare for the Common Man), Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs), Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue), Bernstein suite :On the Waterfront
10.10 I Wonder if Grossmith: Peter Pratt plays Grossmith in Carole Rosen's theatrical reminiscence.
10.30 Concert:part two. Bernstein (Halil), Stravinsky (Firebird suite, 1919 version)
11.25 Another World: Japanese songs, ancient and medieval. Sung by the priests of the Todaiji Temple, Nara
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown
VHF only:Open University .From 6.35am to 8.55. Modernism and the art market.

Radio 2

On medium wave. VHF variations at end of Radio 1

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Clubs bow to the big five

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Football has at last shuffled its way into the future. The League chairmen, wearing blinkers of self-interest, had for decades stubbornly refused to look beyond the interests of their own clubs. Yesterday, for once, they were united in taking a broader view of the welfare of the game itself.

They were given little choice. Pushed, prodded and cajoled by the five most powerful clubs in the land, they were faced with two options as they went into their extraordinary general meeting in London. They could accept either the proposals that had been publicly unveiled last December, or the certainty of a so-called 'super league' being formed.

They agreed to amend the antiquated system rather than see it being broken. After the package of 10 suggestions had been passed, Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association who had worked so diligently to protect the overall structure of the League, said: "This is a victory for common sense."

Taylor added: "Some first division chairmen decided not to destroy the League." There is little doubt the sport that has been so reluctant for so long to change (the first division, for instance, has remained unaltered since 1919) would have been thrown into confusion had there been a sudden and dramatic split.

Nevertheless, the chairmen of Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur were adamant they would indeed be prepared to break away in order to gain a larger and, in their collective opinion, a fairer share of both the profits and of the power. Their discussions, held in secret, lasted for some nine months.

Now they can claim their ploy has succeeded, although some of them would not have been gravely disappointed had their conditions been rejected. If they had been forced to go their own way, they would undoubtedly have taken all of the other leading attractions with them. No club could have afforded to refuse their invitation.

Instead, a compromise was reached four months ago by 10 men representing all four divisions. After six hours of talks, they emerged with a blueprint and Taylor said at the time: "If this is not accepted, I cannot ever see changes happening. We will be heading towards breakdown and anarchy."

Yesterday that genuine threat was averted and the plans are to be put immediately into operation. The first division will be reduced by one club over the next two seasons and will contain only 20 in 1988. Even so, England's elite would still be as bulky as any on the Continent.

Redistribution of wealth

The cut in fixtures at the highest level will be especially welcomed by Bobby Robson, the national manager. Injuries, suffered during the heaviest domestic programme in the world, and club commitments have continually damaged his designs and he has been one of the strongest supporters of a lightening of the schedule in the first division.

The second division will be increased by one club over the same period and will, therefore, eventually embrace 24 in all. The bottom three in the first division next season, for example, will be relegated as has been the recent custom but they will be replaced by only two from the second division.

A series of play-off games between the club finishing fourth from bottom in the first division and those ending up third, fourth and fifth in the second division will also take place. The eventual winners will play in the first division the following season. Similar play-offs will be staged between other divisions and there will be automatic relegation between the fourth division and the Gola League.

The promise of a redistribution of wealth was one factor that helped to pacify the big clubs. Under the new proposal the first division will receive 50 per cent of the rewards to be gained from sponsors and the television companies. The second division will receive 25 per cent and the third and fourth divisions 25 per cent between them. The pools from the cup competitions will be similarly divided.

The four per cent levy on gates has been cut to three per cent and the League management committee is to be reformed. Instead of consisting of regional members, it will include four representatives from the first division, three from the second and one spokesman for the third and fourth divisions.

The change in the voting system was again crucial to the outcome. The proposal, put forward initially by Jimmy Hill, a director of Charlton Athletic, was accepted. It means that each first division club will hold one-and-a-half votes, the second division one and the third and fourth divisions eight between them. The overall majority required was reduced from three-quarters to two-thirds.

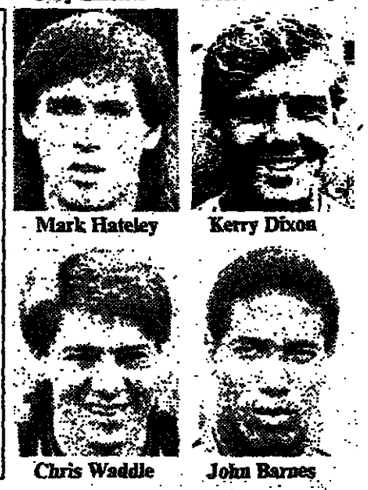
As the boundaries of the first division shrink, so it will become a land of greater riches. The future of those inside it will be more secure and the existence of those outside will become even more tenuous. The gap was widening anyway and had become inevitable. Peter Robinson, the Liverpool secretary, summed up the reaction to the meeting when he said: "We are all glad that it is over at last."





ROBSON'S CHOICE

	Age	Caps
Peter Shilton (Southampton)	36	79
Chris Woods (Norwich City)	26	3
Gary Bailey (Manchester United)	27	2
Gary Stevens (Everton)	23	8
Viv Anderson (Arsenal)	29	20
Kenny Sansom (Arsenal)	27	63
Terry Butcher (Ipswich Town)	27	38
Terry Fenwick (Queen's Park Rangers)	26	14
Alvin Martin (West Ham United)	27	14
Gary Stevens (Tottenham Hotspur)	24	4
Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur)	28	31
Trevor Steven (Everton)	22	9
Ray Wilkins (AC Milan)	29	78
Peter Reid (Everton)	29	5
Bryan Robson (Manchester United)	28	50
Steve Hodge (Aston Villa)	23	2
Gary Lineker (Everton)	25	12
Peter Beardsley (Newcastle United)	25	2
Mark Hateley (AC Milan)	24	16
Kerry Dixon (Chelsea)	24	5
Chris Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur)	25	14
John Barnes (Watford)	22	25



Robson rules out sentiment for England's Mexican journey

By Stuart Jones

There is no room for sentiment in a World Cup squad. Some players inevitably suffer the cruellest disappointment but Bobby Robson can at least empathize. Two decades ago he felt that he deserved to be included in the final party. Sir Alf Ramsey thought otherwise and left him out of the group that went on to win the trophy.

Yesterday the boot was on the other foot and it was his turn effectively to mark the end of the international careers of two of his senior representatives, Francis and Woodcock. "They were in my first squad four years ago and they were almost in this one at the last shout. I regret leaving them out," Robson said.

"If I'd taken everybody who has been recommended to me, I would be taking a group of 57. I remember Francis's great performances in Mexico last summer but he has had a dismal year at Sampdoria."

Unstoppable show

Robson revealed that Francis had asked him before last week's game at Wembley what he needed to do to secure one of the 22 places. "I told him 'You've got to put on a dazzling, unstoppable show, but who can do that in an England-Scotland game? It hasn't been done for more than 20 years."

Francis, selected in two of the qualifying ties, is recovering from an operation on his fractured cheek-bone and is on a standby list of six. Woodcock, who scored three goals in his three appearances on the path to Mexico, has also been troubled by injury recently and is not included among the emergency replacements.

Wright, the victim of a broken leg, is the only other absentee who has made a significant contribution over the last 18 months. Williams was chosen twice but performed irresponsibly on both occasions. Duxbury, Mariner, Withe and Bracewell (another to be named as a substitute) played in only one of the eight ties.

There is no room for experiment in the squad either. Neither of the two belated newcomers, Hodge and Beardsley, can be labelled as suprise packages. In less than 90 minutes Hodge confirmed the view that England's manager had long held, that he was the most effective and penetrative understudy for Bryan Robson.

Bobby Robson had looked at Rix, Devonshire, Cowans and even Hunt but they were either unconvincing or subsequently affected by injury. As Hodge gained experience at national level in the under-21 side and at club level with Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa, he emerged, especially during the first half against Scotland, as the outstanding candidate.

Beardsley, who attributes his progress to performing in the shadow of Keegan at Newcastle United, burst into the gap left by the fading and ageing Francis and Woodcock. Though he has yet to score for England, he created one goal for Cowans within minutes of making his debut against Egypt and another for Waddle in the Soviet Union.

Balanced party

Bailey's place is not yet certain but the operation on his knee has been so successful that he could be training tomorrow and playing within 10 days. He will travel with Manchester United on Saturday to Vicarage Road, where Vernon Edwards, the Watford and England doctor, will assess his fitness. Hodge, of Sheffield Wednesday, awaits the diagnosis. The other five who must wait and hope are Norwich City's Watson, Arsenal's Robson, Bracewell of Everton, Francis and Harford, the Luton centre forward.

Wilkins has recovered from his knee problem (he played for AC Milan on Sunday) and Reid, who twisted ankle ligaments at Forest last Saturday, has a "slight" chance of being available for Everton tomorrow evening.

Apart from Bryan Robson's delicate shoulder, therefore, the lone doubt now concerns Harford. Yet another to be afflicted by a knee complaint, he was to have kept an appointment with a surgeon today. Robson, who needs him as cover for Hateley and Dixon, will ask for the cartilage operation to be deferred if the recovery period is expected to be longer than a fortnight.

The health of Sansom, one of three players to play in all of the qualifying ties (Shilton and Wilkins being the others), will be important since there is no other recognized left back. Robson pointed out that Parker, of Fulham, and Pearce, of Forest, had been injured and Thomas, of Luton, was not yet ready. Fenwick will act as Sansom's deputy if necessary.

Stevens, of Tottenham Hotspur, is preferred, because of his versatility, to the unfortunate Watson. "If I wanted another central defender, he would have been in there without question," Robson said.

With six defenders, six midfield players, six forwards and Stevens, a man for all positions, the party is balanced. "It is solid, there is good coverage everywhere, the specialists are reliable and we have a mixture of experienced heads and young legs," Robson commented. "They are also a terrific bunch of characters, which is equally important.

"They are good tourists, there are no cliques and they all get on famously with each other. They will be away from home for seven weeks, but they won't get bored. They will roll up their sleeves and get on with it. It must be a sign of a strong squad when you have to agonize over whom you should leave out."

Too little too late to stop the slide

Long ago when I used to run down the wing for Pegasus against non-league Headington, or at Wimbledon for Corinthian-Casuals in the Isthmian League, it would have been absurd to suggest that Headington — now Oxford United — would win a Football League cup competition or that Wimbledon could be on the brink of the first division. Now that it is happening, in a way it is still absurd.

It is not happening because standards are moving sideways, but downwards. The likes of Oxford and Wimbledon, however laudable their efforts, however diligent their players and far-sighted their directors, are no replacement for Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sunderland, respectively heading for the fourth and third divisions. In an age when the cream is thin, when there are not enough good players to go round, democracy has accelerated the decline of the professional game.

What has now been agreed by the League chairmen is too little and too late. Twenty-six years after Alan Hardaker's originally proposed reforms, they have finally accepted change only for fear of anarchy by the big clubs. Frankly, I wish we had been hit with the anarchy: a British super league of 16 clubs.

Indeed, I wish we could go even further and, if necessary, split away from FIFA (the sport's international governing body) and unilaterally introduce alterations in the law which would restore entertainment and the glories of the attackers.

The irony is that Football League clubs, in their selfish, twenty-year protection of their own interests, have denied a proper preparation for the one remaining flagship of national pride, the World Cup team. It needs more than yesterday's cosmetic alterations to rescue a dying national game which we have all loved.

"There are massive question marks about Hoddle and Reid. Up front, Waddle and Barnes promise more than they produce . . . Dixon is not good enough because his control would let him down, while Hateley doesn't score enough goals. Only Lineker looks sharp and effective. I saw England against Romania at Wembley. Technically we were inferior to a side that couldn't even qualify for Mexico. Out there, where the heat will be stifling . . . you must treat the ball like gold dust. Possession is so important . . . if Bobby Robson is to play with three up front . . . that will be hard. England have only six players who are certainties: Shilton, Stevens, Butcher, Sansom, Robson, and Lineker."

These are not my words, though I agree with every one of them. They are Sir Alf Ramsey's, in a fascinating interview with Nigel Clarke of the *Daily Mirror* in a useful little guide to the World Cup, edited by Julie Welch. The honest truth is that, at the moment when Bobby Robson announces his final 22 players, he cannot know for sure his team or even his formation. If he does, and it is basically that which we saw last week against Scotland, then there is little chance of England going beyond the second round. Or even the first.

As Sir Alf suggests, there are still five places in the England team to be resolved, never mind the recent string of misleadingly successful results. Those who can remember the conditions of 1970 know that the physical imposition of players will make Hoddle's relative physical frailty, Hateley's lack of control and Waddle's unpredictable tactics an even heavier burden than usual for their colleagues.

The present manager has committed himself to including two wingers in his squad, yet all the evidence of the past two seasons indicates that, like Ramsey 16 years ago, he would be more expedient to opt for reliable men who will not squander possession and will fit into a unit which operates less fringely. That means a compact 4-4-2 formation: to be a conventional winger in Mexico requires more maturity than is possessed by either Waddle or Barnes.

In my mind there is no doubt that England's optimum formation, like Ramsey's in 1970, would be 4-1-3-2, namely: Shilton; Stevens or Anderson, Butcher, Fenwick, Sansom; Wilkins or Reid; Steven, Hoddle, Robson or Hodge; Lineker, Beardsley. England's hopes must be that there are not the outstanding teams competing now that there were in 1970.

David Miller

Cooper's chance to prove he is still interested in finals

By David Miller

Scotland's match against The Netherlands in Eindhoven tonight provides the chance for Cooper, the Rangers winger, to convince the manager Alex Ferguson that he should be preferred in the final squad for Mexico to Nevin of Chelsea.

Cooper plays in a much-changed team against a background of uncertainty about his interest in continuing to play international football. Walter Smith, the assistant manager to Graeme Souness at Ibrox, has confirmed that Cooper is still keen, and last night Ferguson said: "This is Cooper's chance to show me that he has got what it takes. He had the bottle to take the vital penalty for us in Cardiff, and I have by no means ruled him out." Cooper only returned to the Rangers team last weekend after a spell on the bench.

A 4-3-3 formation includes two new caps, Connor, aged 25, of Dundee, and McCoist of Rangers, top scorer in the league with 36 goals. McCoist recognizes that unless someone else should break a leg, he has little chance of being in the squad to be selected on May 4. "It's marvellous to be part of a team and get my first cap" he said. "I'll have no thought of the World Cup

Souness, who played outstandingly in last week's defeat by England at Wembley, is an absentee, not having played for Sampdoria on Sunday. His role in the centre of midfield is taken over by Malpas, while with the English league demanding most of Ferguson's forwards, Sturrock plays in the centre of attack.

There is some surprise at the exclusion of Bannon, but Ferguson insisted that he was only being rested after a tiring season and that the decision bore no reflection of Bannon's performance at Wembley.

The Netherlands, who are also weakened, will be without Van Basten, the young Ajax forward

THE NETHERLANDS (from): P Boeve (Ajax Amsterdam), J Bosman (Ajax), R Koeman (Ajax), J van't Schip (Ajax), S Silooy (Ajax), G Vanenburg (Ajax), R de Wit (Ajax), H van Breukelen (PSV Eindhoven), R Gullit (PSV), M Valke (PSV), J Hiele (Feyenoord Rotterdam), S Tahamata (Feyenoord), W Suvrijn (Fortuna Sittard), A van Tiggelen (Groningen), D Blind (Sparta Rotterdam), J Wouters (Utrecht).

SCOTLAND: A Goram (Oldham); D Narey (Dundee United), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), A Albiston (Manchester United), J Bett (Aberdeen), N Malpas (Dundee United), R Connor (Dundee), A McCoist (Rangers), P Sturrock (Dundee United), D Cooper (Rangers).

Injury-hit pair back in contention

Bonn (Reuter) — Two forwards whose World Cup finals chances were thought to have been jeopardized by serious injuries were named by the West German manager, Franz Beckenbauer, yesterday in a 26-man squad for World Cup training.

Rudi Voller and Pierre Littbarski will both report to training next Monday

SQUAD: E Immel (Borussia Dortmund), H Schumacher (Cologne), U Stein (Hamburg), K Augenthaler (Bayern Munich), T Berthold (Eintracht Frankfurt), A Brehme (Kaiserslautern), H-P Briegel (Verona), G Buchwald (Stuttgart), N Eder (Bayern Munich), K-H Förster (Stuttgart), W Funkel (Bayer Uerdingen), M Herget (Bayer Uerdingen), D Jakobs (Hamburg), K Allgoewer (Stuttgart), L Matthaeus (Bayern Munich), F Magath (Hamburg), U Rahn (Borussia Moenchengladbach), W Rolff (Hamburg), O Thon (Schalke), K Allofs (Cologne), H Gruendel (Hamburg), D Hoeness (Bayern Munich), P Littbarski (Cologne), F Mill (Borussia Mönchengladbach), K-H Rummenigge (Inter Milan), R Voller (Werder Bremen).

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RUGBY UNION

Structure of the sport is ripe for change

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Air Commodore Bob Weighill expects considerable change in the domestic and international structure of rugby football over the next few years, as he himself changes from the role of professional secretary to the Rugby Football Union to honorary secretary of the International Rugby Football Board. The latter appointment he has already accepted; the former will end at the RFU's annual meeting in July when he is succeeded, after 13 years in office, by Dudley Wood.

The Air Commodore, guest of the Rugby Writers' Club in London yesterday, suggested that, for the first time, the IRFB had substantial funds at its disposal as a result of the gate money from the two centenary celebration games this month, consequent television fees and sponsorship. It was therefore possible to fund a permanent secretariat to deal, apart from anything else, with business arising from the newly-developed associate membership of the board.

He touched also on the problems of domestic administrators: "There is a case for the RFU setting up offices throughout the country," he said, referring to the French federation who have 61 divisional technical administrators — the majority funded by the French government — compared to the RFU's four. He had no easy answer to England's largely mediocre performances at international level over the last decade: "We have nearly half a million people playing rugby each week and you should be able to pick 50 players from them and turn them into a World Cup winning team.

"But the great strength of Englisb rugby is in the middle order clubs, where everyone plays social rugby and enjoys it. There is little incentive for someone to get out of that comfortable, cosy atmosphere and go to a first-class club where everything becomes much more serious.

The RFU are expected to announce today details of their competition committee's paper on club structure. Air Commodore Weighill, while acknowledging the new four-team divisional championship, would be happy to see the country split into eight regions, who could play a more prolonged and competitive championship.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Rovers hit problems

Hull Kingston Rovers have suffered their first serious injury setback as they prepare to take on Castleford in the Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday (Keith Macklin writes).

Phil Hogan, their strong-running international second-row forward, had an X-ray on the arm injured at Wigan on Sunday, and had his worst fears realized when a fracture was diagnosed. Another Rovers player struggling for fitness is their full back, George Fairbairn, who also received a knock.

The Great Britain Under-21 full back, Kevin Harcombe, has been placed on the transfer list by Rochdale Hornets at £55,000.

No to rebels

Wellington (Reuter) — Bruce Hemara, the hooker, turned down an invitation yesterday to join the rebel New Zealand rugby union team in South Africa as a replacement. He was asked to replace Andy Dalton, the captain, whose jaw was fractured in the victory over Northern Transvaal on Saturday. Hemara said he would lose his job.



Becker: fat contract

Cashing in

Boris Becker's status as a sporting millionaire has been assured with the 18-year-old Wimbledon tennis champion having signing a new contract with the West German sporting goods company, Puma, that will bring him in excess of £10 million over the next six years. Gunter Adam, marketing manager, said: "Last year we sold 15,000 rackets; this year the projection is 175,000. It is all due to Boris."

Horton quits

John Horton, the England rugby union fly half in their Grand Slam season of 1980, is to retire. He has been restricted to 16 games for Bristol [illegible] summer.

On defensive

Jim Baker, of Ireland, the former world indoor bowls champion, defends his Westminster international championship title against a strong field at Paddington next Monday. His opponents include the reigning world indoor champion, Tony Allcock, the former world champion, David Bryant, and Andy Thomson, of Scotland.

Lloyd resigns

David Lloyd, the former British Davis Cup tennis player, has resigned from the company running his new sports club in Sutton, Surrey, and his name will no longer be associated with it. In a statement yesterday, Lloyd said: "I am extremely disappointed that my fellow directors of Hazel Baron Limited have made it impossible for my company to fulfil its obligations under the management agreement. I was put in the impossible position of having my name associated with a venture over which I had no control."

Hodges's test

Carol Hodges, aged 26, from Blackpool, will be the captain of the England women's cricket team for the Test series against India this